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HELLAS LOSES THE POINTS — BUT WHERE DO THEY GO?

Protests are expected this week against the decision by the PSL management committee not to redistribute points gained by South Melbourne — Hellas from matches in which it used an ineligible player.

Sydney Olympic is almost certain to protest. Olympic lost 0-1 to South Melbourne while Souths used the ineligible player, English left back Tony Turner.

Olympic is likely to ask that it be granted the two points it lost to Souths and that the goal

Souths scored in that match be removed.

The PSL management committee decided on Monday to deduct from South Melbourne three points the club gained from games in which it used Turner.

However, the committee decided to allow Souths to keep the goals they scored in those games and not to redistribute the three points.

Olympic's protest would go directly to the Australian Soccer Federation which has the

power to redistribute the points and to remove Souths used the ineligible player, English left back Tony Turner.

If the ASF upheld Olympic's protest, the decision would also affect the result of Souths' games against Newcastle (1-2) and Heidelberg (2-2).

Heidelberg would gain an additional point and the three goals Souths scored in the two games would be removed from the records.

The PSL's decision to deduct three points from South Melbourne left the club with only one point and sent it sliding to the bottom of the ladder.

The PSL management committee found that South Melbourne used Turner before he had been cleared by his English club, Huddersfield or by the English Football Association and before he had been issued with a registration number and registered card to play in the PSL.



Gary Cole the new Roo battering ram

Heidelberg's Gary Cole will almost certainly be the central striker in Rudi Gutendorf's national team.

Gutendorf marvelled at Cole's great strength, speed and shooting power in Victoria's 2-0 victory over Footscray J.U.S.T. in a training match at Olympic Park last Wednesday night.

"He looks the same and he has the same style as Benny Wendt," Gutendorf remarked while watching the game.

Wendt, a Swedish international striker, played under Gutendorf at Berlin club Tennis Borussia. He is now with Cologne.

Cole, formerly of Hingwood-Wilhelmina, joined Heidelberg (then called Fitzroy-Alexander) in 1976. He is the Phillips League's top scorer on

aggregate over the league's first two seasons.

Before last weekend's round, Cole had 29 goals and Dixie Deans of Adelaide City had 27.

Cole, Phil O'Connor (St. George) and John Kosmina (West Adelaide) are likely to comprise the Australian attack.

Cole scored one of the goals and helped cause the other in Victoria's victory over Footscray and he was a constant threat to the Footscray defence which would have conceded more goals had it not been for some desperate defensive play by Andrija Ristic.

Former Footscray star Milos Adamovic made a pertinent remark after the game, saying Cole and Joe Picioane would be a deadly partnership in the national team, with Picioane's great skill complementing Cole's speed, strength and aggression, and with Picioane providing Cole with those remarkable through balls of his. Footscray coach Cedo Cirkovic wanted to buy Cole when the striker was still at Wilhelmina. He still wishes his committee had agreed at the time.

After the game Gutendorf said he would invite the following Victorian players to national team trials.

Yakka Banovic, Jim Tansey, Gary Cole (Heidelberg), Zdravko Lujic, Jim Kondarios, Joe Picioane (Footscray), John Yzenoorn (Slavia) and perhaps Jim Paton (Slavia).

He was disappointed by the performances of Lujic and Picioane but said he had seen both do better. "I will give them a chance to prove themselves in the trials," he said.

Gutendorf was extremely impressed by sweeper

Yzenoorn and striker Paton but doubts that they will get enough of the right type of opposition in the State League.

He praised Paton for the way he came off his opponents, the way he was always first to the ball and the way he exploited open space. He praised Yzenoorn for his excellent covering, his ability to read play and his speed in going to the ball and recovering. He added however, that he wants the libero in the national team playing a more

offensive role than Yzenoorn did against Footscray.

Jim Kondarios, said Gutendorf was one of the best stoppers he had seen in Australia. He admired his strength, height, speed and commitment and added that Kondarios had the extra advantage of having played against many overseas opponents while in the Victorian team. One of Kondarios' competitors for the stopper's position is South Melbourne's Stuart Baxter.

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Heidelberg's international striker Gary Cole in full flight. Picture by Steve Chatzis.



National coach Rudi Gutendorf emphasises a point in commenting on Socceroo candidates.

NORWICH TOUR IS SET

If league form is anything to go by, Norwich City won't find it easy to win on its Australian tour next month.

Before last weekend's round of English First Division matches, Norwich had not won a single away match. It had 11 draws from 17 home matches and, with 33 points, was holding ninth position on the table.

Norwich's tour will interfere with Martin Peters' proposed guest stint with Victorian State League club Frankston City.

The former England international is due to play four games for Frankston from May 13 onwards.

However, Norwich's first tour game, against Western Australia in Perth, is scheduled tentatively for May 13. The other dates, which are

still subject to confirmation, are:

May 16: v South Australia in Adelaide;

May 20: v Victoria in Melbourne;

May 23: v A.C.T. in Canberra;

May 27: v NSW in Sydney.

Norwich is unlikely to play against the Socceroos. National coach Rudi Gutendorf said it would be too early to field the national team in a competitive match, as the team would still be experimental.

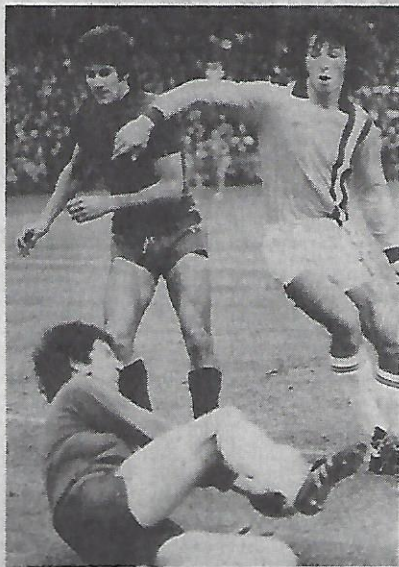
Norwich's best-known players, apart from Peters, are goalkeeper Kevin Keelan and Jim Neighbour. — LAURIE SCHWAB



The grim face of coach Cedo Cirkovic tells the story of Footscray J.U.S.T.'s plight during the game against Sydney City in Sydney last Sunday. Footscray, missing injured Peter Orlerton, and losing sweeper Radoelav Jovic through injury during the match, lost 0-3. Footscray meets Marconi at Olympic Park on Monday and Sydney City clashes with South Melbourne at Middle Park on Sunday. Picture by STEVE CHATZIS.

Wanted: a new Ray Richards

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National coach Gutendorf rates Footscray's Jim Kondarios as the best stopper he's seen in Australia. Kondarios (right) is pictured in action for Victoria against Bologna.

Jim Tansey and Zdravko Lujic are both contenders for the left back position. Tansey was excellent in the practice match, setting Lujic a big task. Tansey also has the advantage of being a long-serving Soccerro. In Lujic's favor is the fact that he can also play with distinction in attack. Picioane played the first half for Footscray and the second half for Victoria.

"He has amazing skill — probably the best in the country, but he should have done a lot more, knowing that I was here watching," Gutendorf said.

He made only three or four good forward moves and had only one really good shot at goal, while he was playing with Footscray. When he went onto the other side he didn't do much at all. However, he is a leading candidate for an attacking midfield position in the national team and it is up to him to justify selection.

Gutendorf said he would call 28 players into camp in Sydney from April 30 to May 5, and that the Soccerros would play against Phillips League clubs every Wednesday night.

The first scheduled match is against Newcastle KB United in Newcastle on May 9.

There may be a match in Victoria on the Queen's Birthday holiday in June.

Commenting about the difficulty of moulding the new national team, Gutendorf said: "If only we had one outstanding club team on which to base the national side, it would be so much better

for all concerned. Unfortunately, there is no such team in Australia. "Italy based its team on Juventus last year, West Germany was based at one time on Kaiserslautern and later on Bayern Munich. The USSR was based on Dynamo Kiev. Even Australia, during its best period, was based on one club — St George.

"This gives you the advantage of having a block of players who know each other personally and who know each other's moves.

"When you are forced to pick players from here, there and everywhere it takes years to develop cohesion. But it's no good complaining. I have to make up my mind which players I want to use as quickly as possible so we can start working on moulding them together into a strong unit."

Victorian goalkeeper Yakka Banovic, recently transferred from Essendon Croatia to Heidelberg, made a lasting impression on Gutendorf with his speed, reflexes and confidence. His main rival is Martyn Crook of West Adelaide, although Gary Moier (Olympic) and Jack Reilly (South Melbourne) are also under consideration.

Gutendorf's main problem exists in midfield. He likes Ian Souness of Sydney City and Picioane of Footscray but he desperately needs a defensive midfielder like Italy's Romeo Benetti to do the job that Ray Richards did for so long in the national team.

If Riccio played in every game the way he did against Victoria, he would be Gutendorf's man.

Of players from other States, Phil O'Connor (St George), Tony Henderson (Marconi) Crook and



Heidelberg's Jim Tansey (right), leading contender for the left back position in the national team. At left is Footscray's Andrija Ristic, the best player on the ground in the trial game against Victoria last week. Ristic played with all the desperation of a man seeking a spot in the national team.

VICTORIA 2 (Cumming, Cole) FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 0, training match at Olympic Park.

VICTORIA: Banovic 8 — Short 6, Zzen-doorn 9, Kokooska 8, Tansey 8 — Gardiner 8, Tront 7 (Picioane 6), Rooney 8 — Cumming 7 (Williams 73rd), Paton 9 (Gilder 73rd), Cole 9.

FOOTSCRAY: Potter 8 (Boland 9 half time), Ilioski 8, Jovicic 5, (Hazabent 5, half time), Kondarios 8, Lujic 5 — Ristic 9, Picioane 7 (Carpenter 7 half time), Jovanovic 6 — Palinkas 5, Ollerton 7 (Belic 6 half time), Ristovski 8 (Todorovic 5, half time).

Kosmina are certain to be in Gutendorf's team.

Vic Bozanic of West Adelaide also has an excellent chance. Bozanic usually plays left back but if he could also play on the right, Bozanic and Tansey would be a pair of excellent full backs.

Among the midfielders, Gutendorf also likes Marconi's Gary Byrne and of the forwards, he likes Peter Sharma (Marconi), and the Sydney City pair, Joe Watson and Hilton Silva.

For the record, here are the highlights of Victoria's excellent 2-0 victory over Footscray last Wednesday:

• Kondarios kicks the ball off Paton's foot five metres out, preventing a certain goal;

• Ristic throws himself across to head clear a dangerous Victorian ball;

• Jim Rooney slings the ball across the box to Paton whose hook shot misses narrowly;

• Zzen-doorn, in Victoria's defence, dispossesses Mendo Ristovski and passes to Rooney who plays a long through ball for Cole who runs at goal and shoots. Steve Potter can only block it, leaving Tommy Cumming to put the loose ball into the net. 1-0.

• After 30 minutes, Ristovski has Footscray's first shot at goal, but it's held by Banovic;

• Radostav Jovicic tries to clear a long ball but hits it too low, and it goes spinning straight up into the air. Cole is there, and he flips it over oncoming Steve Potter, into the net. 2-0.

• Picioane sends a great through ball to Peter Ollerton, who goes around Banovic but is diverted too wide in doing so. By the time he sent the ball towards the open goal, Banovic has raced back desperately to pounce and save.

• Picioane slams a sizzling shot towards goal, but Banovic taps it past for a corner, one-handed. Half time. 2-0.

• A long shot by John Gardiner hits the woodwork.

• Tommy Cumming robs Igor Hazabent of the ball and goes towards goal. He tries to round Dennis Bolland who does well to get a hand to it while lying on the ground;

• A header by Victoria's excellent stopper, Steve Kokooska, hits the woodwork;

• Ristic prevents a third Victorian goal by clearing an incredible Gardiner shot off the line with a flying header;

• Jim Williams, unmarked, heads towards the open goal, but



Victorian sweeper John Zzen-doorn of Slavia — showing international class.

instilled into the team by Len McKendry. Footscray usually plays a lot better. Certainly it will have to in the important league matches to come.

After the match, both Mendo Ristovski and Peter Ollerton complained of injuries. Ristovski had a badly swollen knee and Ollerton an injured ankle.

After the game Gutendorf appointed former national coach Tony Boggi as his "right hand man" in Victoria.

Boggi will train the Victorian Soccerros from PSL clubs. State coach McKendry will train the State League candidates and Bill Curran will keep Gutendorf informed on youth players.



Brilliant ball wizard Joe Picioane slips past Newcastle's Bill Summerscales in a PSL match. Now stand by for the Picioane-Cole combination in the national team!



South Melbourne's Stuart Baxter — Gutendorf admires his toughness.



Yakka Banovic of Heidelberg, new Soccerro goalkeeper?



Goal machine Jamie Paton of Slavia.



Footscray's left back or forward Zdravko Lujic — played badly against Victoria but Gutendorf will give him another chance.

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Dixie Deans of Adelaide City, rated by Rale Rasic as Australia's top striker. Deans is pictured (right) as Heidelberg defenders Jim O'Reilly (number 10) and Arthur McMillan prepare to challenge.

Deans: truly world-class

Allow me to devote part of this column to one of the finest professionals I have had the pleasure of dealing with — that great goalscorer John "Dixie" Deans.

That's right — his real name is John. In his relationship with other players and in his attitude to training he shows all the qualities that made him the best striker in Scotland and now the best in Australia.

He may have had somewhat of a childish attitude early in his career, and it cost him dearly. But that's behind him and he has nothing but respect from everyone he comes into contact with.

I would go as far as comparing him with some of the world famous strikers and I would say that there is not much difference between them and Deans.

He seems certain to top the league goalscorers list this year as he did in 1977. Already he has scored two-thirds of Adelaide City's goals for 1979.

Before I came to City, people told me stories about Deans' phenomenal heading ability.

But what they didn't tell me was that he was so exceptionally fast and that he is such a clever ball player.

No wonder that when the Adelaide City team is announced before the public address system before a game, the crowd cheers the name of Dixie Deans.

On March 7 Mike Johnson wrote in "Soccer Action" about the need for clubs to appoint full-time professionals to management and promotional positions.

He said "unpaid committeemen have neither the time nor the commitment that is needed to produce successful organisations today" and that the "overall development and promotion of the club must be in the hands of skilled professionals whose livelihood depends on them doing a successful job."

I agree that there is always room for improvement in areas of administration and especially sponsorship and promotion.

However, let's give credit where it's due. Many clubs have,



RALE RASIC

after all, progressed incredibly well, even without full-time management experts. The two Adelaide clubs are perfect examples. Surely the people at those clubs and quite a few others in Canberra and Newcastle for example — have worked miracles since the formation of the Philips League.

It's a shame the Federation hasn't followed suit. In certain areas, the clubs are banging their heads against a brick wall.

But getting back to the point — it is not always a matter of hiring full-time experts to do your work for you. Of course it's great if you can get the right man and if you have enough money to pay him.

A doctor who does not specialise in sports medicine is not the best person to see about a sports injury.

Similarly, a promoter, will not promote soccer properly if he is not involved with the sport.

In other words, it's a matter of getting the right person.

The person charged with the responsibility for doing the PR work with one particular club included totally incorrect

information about Adelaide City in that club's programme.

The programme said, for example, that Roger Romanowicz was Adelaide City's goalkeeper, whereas he has not played for City for two years. It further told us further that the Nyskohus brothers transferred from Brisbane Lions whereas in fact, they came from Lion Adelaide. Also, the programme said that Jim Muller came not from Dunbarton but from Motherwell.

South Melbourne had a full-time manager-PR man last season but it didn't work out and they parted company again.

Mike Johnson gives us his advice. Thanks, Mike, but may I ask how many of your management and promotional ideas you were able to implement at the clubs with which you have been involved?

I have long been singing the praises of coaches Raul Blanco and Vic Fernandez because too few coaches of their high standard exist in this country.

Blanco, boss of Melita Eagles is a totally professional man. He has a phenomenal personality, total dedication, endless knowledge.

Blanco starts his team training a month earlier than all the others, and the amount of training his players do is greater than that done at most other clubs, but the players don't complain.

Blanco has shown one and all that a solid foundation of planning invariably breeds success. He is the type of man every Philips League club should be looking for.

The days of the con man are gone — and we all know who the con men are.

Vic Fernandez, coach of Canberra, is in the same mould as Blanco. I know what a great player he was and I know what his ideas are.

The main reason these two South Americans are so successful is that they give all their human emotions in their dealings with their players. Blanco and Fernandez are true human beings. They are totally open emotionally — they laugh, they get angry, they can cry. They hide nothing, and so they have an open, honest relationship with the people they deal with.

Remember the names Charlie Villani and Luciano Signora, two Adelaide City youngsters who will be known throughout Australia soon.

Australia plans to re-join Oceania

Australia is likely to rejoin the Oceania Confederation at its meeting in Port Moresby on April 21.

And ASF president Sir Arthur George is said to have the numbers to be elected president of Oceania.

Australia withdrew from Oceania over various issues, including its voting structure and its attitude to China and Taiwan.

Now it has submitted a suggested new constitution and if it is accepted, Australia will rejoin the Confederation.

The changes which would be brought about by the new constitution are:

- That only four nations have the right to vote — Papua-New Guinea, Fiji, Australia and New Zealand.

- That the secretary does not have the right to vote;

- That there be only one vice-president instead of four;

- That the only votes be: two by each of the four voting nations and the casting vote of the president.

SCOTLAND AND YUGOSLAVIA TO PLAY HERE?

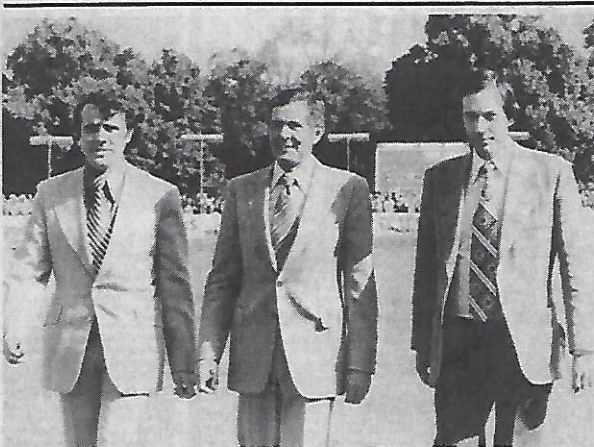
Yugoslavia, Australia and Scotland 'B' may compete in an international tournament to mark Australian soccer's centenary next year.

The tournament would start soon after a match between Australia and England

at the Sydney Cricket Ground on June 1, 1980. The national team of

Czechoslovakia may visit later that year. A schoolboy tournament is

likely to be played in conjunction with the international tournament.



Invitations have been sent to England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and various Asian countries to send their schoolboy teams to Australia for the tournament.

This series, and the senior tournament, would be played in various capital cities.

Meanwhile, the Yugoslav FA has confirmed that its under 19 team will stop over in Australia on its way to Tokyo for the finals of the world youth championships in August this year.

The Yugoslav youth team will play two games against the Australian under 19 team in Sydney and Melbourne.

The ASF has also written to the South American Confederation asking that either Paraguay, Uruguay or Argentina visit Australia on their way to the world youth titles in Tokyo.

Politicians drop in

What's this? Heidelberg Utd's latest recruits with president Jim Mangopoulos (above left)?

Pictured with Mangopoulos are State Opposition leader Frank Wilkes (centre) and Liberal backbencher Peter Collins, who is also president of Slavia soccer club.

The two politicians were making a visit to the soccer, and picked a good day to drop in. They watched Heidelberg and South Melbourne play a 2-2 draw at Olympic Park in front of 12,000 people, the largest crowd in the Philips League this season.

Wilkes and Collins will soon be playing their own game as the State elections approach.

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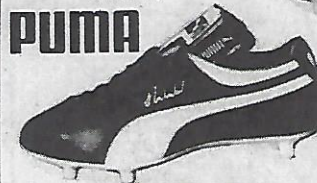


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LIONS — Lownds 7, Lawrie 7, Bennett 7, Hermiston 8, Niven 8, Spearritt 7, Hughes 6, Russell 7 (Ontong 85th), Wallace 7, Fairbrother 6 (Brennan 55th, 8), McGregor 8.

SOUTH MELBOURNE — Reilly 7, Kalafetidis 7, Munro 6 (Lutton 6, 54th), Baxter 6, Turner 6, Davidson 6, Christopoulos 6, Wright 6, Cummings 6 (Drakeford 6 45th), Evans 6, Campbell 6.

HEIDELBERG 0 BRISBANE CITY 0. Ratings by Laurie Schwab:

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 5 — McMillan 7, Bannon 7, Provan 7, Tansay 6, Campbell 8, Taylor 6, Rooney 6, Bozika 6, Cole 7, Buljevic 8.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 8, Perry 8, Tokes 8, Potter 8, Wilkinson 8, Pimblett 7, Echeverria 5, Coyne 5, Low 5, Kelso 5 (Gaffney 60th), Caldwell 7.

SYDNEY CITY 3 FOOTSCRAY 0. Ratings by Peter Scott:

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 8, Souness 7, Thomson 8, O'Connor 8, Bruce 8, Campbell 9, Stevenson 9, Barnes 7, Watson 7, Smith 7, Silva 6.

FOOTSCRAY: Potter 6, Illoski 7, Ristic 7, Jovicic 7 (Carpenter 6, 49th min), Kondarios 7, Jovanovic 6, Palinkas 8, Lujic 6, Picione 7, Hazabent 6, Ristovski 7.

ADELAIDE CITY 0 NEWCASTLE 0. Ratings by Mono Toutsidis:

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 8, Dodds 7, Besir 7, Muir 8, B Nyskohus 8, Marocchi 6 (Marwe), Muniz 7, Northcote 7, Deans 8, J. Nyskohus 7, Kent 7.

NEWCASTLE: Dando 8, Willie 7, Curran 7, McClelland 6, Summerscales 7, Drinkwater 7, Cowburn 7, Seddon 6, Boden 7, Hays 7, Tredinnick 6.

MARCONI 2 ST GEORGE 1. Ratings by Alex Voelck.

MARCONI: Maher 7, Brogan 6, Russell 6, Prasko 8, Degney 7, Henderson 6, Byrne 8, Mariani 7 (Vior 45-6), Jankovic 7, Krncovic 6, Sharme 7.

ST GEORGE: Coe 7, Harris 6, Della Picca 6, Grosse 7, Terry 6, R. O'Shea 8, Katholos 8, J. O'Shea 6, Henman 7 (Matic 72), Cotton 6, O'Connor 7.

CANBERRA CITY 0 WEST ADELAIDE 0. Ratings by Peter Windap.

CANBERRA: Hozowski 7, Moulis 8, Milovanovic 7, Farrell (Hogg 13th minute 8), Brown 7, Selgado 7, Stark 7 (Bailey 45th 6) Cant 7, Davies 9, Fielding 7, Byrne 7.

W. ADELAIDE: Crook 8, Reynolds 7, Jones 7, Kambas 7, Tymczyszyn 7, Honeyman 7, (Norris 79th) McGachey 7, Boyle 7, McGrigor 7, (Bozanic 62nd) Kosmina 7, Pillens 7.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0 APIA 2. ratings by Tony Reck.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 7, McIntosh 4 (Botham 79th min), Palmer 6, Bell 7, Wilson 8, Cross 7, Laing 8, Raskopoulos 9, Jamieson 7, Eaton 4, Ainslie 7.

APIA: McQuire 7, Turnbull 8, Carruthers 5, Wilson 8, Rowden 4, Rampant 8, Butler 8, (O'Donnell 81st min), Richards 7, Stone 9, Reed 5 (Drews 72nd min).

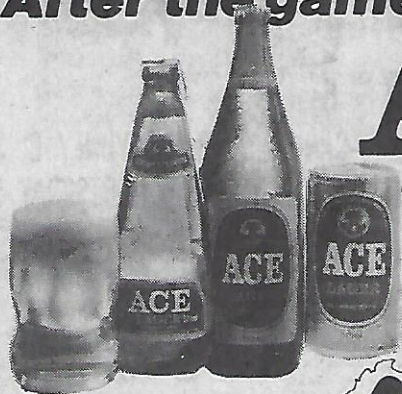
Leading ratings:
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7.8 Davies (Can), Meier (SO).
7.7 Thomson (SC), Bruce (SC).

7.6 Muir (AC), Perry (BC), Palinkas (Foots), Hays (Newc), Prasko (Marc), S.O. Connor (SC), Raskopoulos (SO).
7.5 Rampant (APIA), G. Potter (BL), Jankovics (Marc), E. Campbell (SC).
7.4 Hermiston (BL), Moulis, Stark, T. Byrne (Can), Picione (Foots), G. Byrne (Marc), Ainslie, Laing (SO).

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SYDNEY CITY WILL KEEP REILLY BUSY

Pity poor Jack Reilly. He'll probably be the busiest man in the Philips League this weekend.

With South Melbourne playing poorly, goalkeeper Reilly can expect little help when his side meets rampaging Sydney City at Middle Park on Sunday.

Having won its past two matches 5-0 against St George and 3-0 against Footscray, Sydney City has emerged as the main challenger to Newcastle for the honor of leading the league.

Sydney City has already won the NSW Ampol Cup and is now living up to its reputation of being the most regular winner in the PSL.

Winger Joe Watson, leader in the club's Player of the Year voting, is enjoying a brilliant early season. Eamie Campbell returned to his best Soccer form last week against Footscray and big striker Terry Smith poses a constant threat to opposing defenses.

South Melbourne lost

sweeper Frank Munro who limped off injured just after half time of the match against Brisbane Lions last Sunday and is in doubt for Sunday's game.

All the spirit seems to have gone from the South Melbourne

team, judging from reports from Brisbane and from recent performances at home.

Somehow, these players will have to be motivated during the week unless they are content to be hammered by the polished Silencers.

Ken Drakeford appears better suited to a midfield rather than a forward position, and Mike Pye should be recalled to replace Munro if the latter cannot play. Pye should go to right back and Kalefatis to the sweeper's position.

The strongest line-up would appear to be: Reilly-Pye, Kalefatis, Baxter, Turner-Davidson, Wright, Drakeford-Cummings, Evans, Campbell. API-Leichhardt sprang to life with a 2-0 victory over Sydney Olympic last week, and should give Heidelberg United a difficult match at Wentworth Park on Sunday.

Italian star Rosario Rampanti is playing himself into better form week by week and Peter Stone is starting to recapture the form that made him one of the league's best midfielders in 1977.

But Heidelberg is likely to have the edge in midfield where Jimmy Rooney will relish playing against his former club. Adelaide fans will get their first look at the "new" John Kosmina when West Adelaide takes on Brisbane Lions at Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday.

Kosmina, improved by a year with Arsenal, showed some excellent form in West's scoreless draw with Canberra last week and will be trying hard to get among the scorers against the Silencers.

Supported by Neil McGachov, Peter Boyle and Ian McGregor, I have no doubt that



South Melbourne goalkeeper Jack Reilly.

Kosmina will break through to help give West victory.

St George showed a little improvement when it lost by only one goal to Marconi last week, but I doubt that the Saints will make an impression on Dixie Deans' Adelaide City at St George Stadium on Sunday.

One of the closest games of the round will be in Brisbane where Brisbane City meets Canberra City.

Both excelled in defence when they notched scoreless draws last Sunday. This time Brisbane City will open up to score a home victory, but its forwards do not look strong enough to beat Canberra.

Danny Moulis will probably be assigned to mark Kevin Low, Mike Milovanovic should be able to handle Kevin Caldwell and Roy Starke and John

Brown should, between them, be able to snuff out Barry Kelso.

The likely result is a draw. — LAURIE SCHWAB
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TASMANIA

Results of the Tasmanian "Radio Rentals" State League:

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The next round of Philips League matches:

IN NEWCASTLE
 Newcastle KB Utd v Sydney Olympic, International Sports Centre, Saturday 2.30 pm.

IN SYDNEY
 St George v Adelaide City, St George Stadium, Sunday 3 pm.
 APIA-Leichhardt v Heidelberg Utd, Sunday 3 pm.

IN MELBOURNE
 South Melbourne v Sydney City, Middle Park, Sunday 3 pm.
 Footscray v Marconi, Olympic Park, Monday, 3 pm.

IN ADELAIDE
 West Adelaide v Brisbane Lions, Hindmarsh Stadium, Sunday, 2.30 pm.

IN BRISBANE
 Brisbane City v Canberra City, Perry Park, Sunday 3 pm.



ABOVE: Heidelberg's Branko Buljevic tries a volley while airborne. At left is George Potter of Brisbane City and behind them Jim Campbell.

LEFT: Brisbane City goalkeeper Kim Wishart, who prevented a goal by Gary Cole in the last few minutes. Pictures by SAM BELFONTE.



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The "Soccer Action" goalkeeper of the year will receive a Seiko watch from Konstantine Jewel Box, Melbourne.

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This week's top goalkeeper is KIM WISHART of Brisbane City.

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HEIDELBERG 0 BRISB. CITY 0

Ground: Olympic Park.
Weather: Cool, overcast.
Crowd: About 6000.
Referee: Stewart Mellings (Vic) 8.
Cautions: Wilkinson, Echeverria (BC).

On chances alone, Heidelberg deserved to win this game narrowly. The fact that Heidelberg didn't win is a credit to Brisbane City's excellent defence and its goalkeeper Kim Wishart.

City didn't have much in mid-field or attack but its defence was resolute, well organised and took few chances. **George Potter** looked well professionally. **Peter Tokes** kept a close watch on **Gary Cole**, **Steve Perry** was ever watchful for danger that threatened not only his own flank but also the middle, and new left back **Bill Wilkinson** was most impressive, especially in the second half when he snuffed out some dangerous Heidelberg raids.

Neither **Perry** nor **Wilkinson** attacked from their full back position, but no doubt they were much more adventurous when playing at home. Similarly, midfielders **Frank Pimblett**, **Roberto Echeverria** and **John Coyne** did not venture too far forward, for fear of leaving gaps.

Yet despite Brisbane's singularity of purpose, Heidelberg had the chances to win this match. The best of them — shots from inside the penalty area by **Branko Buljevic** and **Gary Cole** were saved brilliantly by goalkeeper **Wishart**.

Buljevic worked extremely hard, not only at getting into shooting positions but also at dropping back to build up the type of moves that weren't coming from the midfield. **Jim Campbell** did likewise and **Cole** remained a threat despite the marking of **Tokes**.

But **Jimmy Rooney** had one of his quieter days in midfield, and the game normally proceeded down the left by **Jim Tansey** was missing. When Tansey did push forward, he did not deliver the ball to men calling for it in the open.

Arthur McMillan on the other side pushed up quite well but took a big chance in leaving **Kevin Low** like the other Brisbane forwards had an off day.

Heidelberg's goalkeeper **Yakko Banovic** had an attack of the jitters, as he did against South Melbourne a few weeks ago. He twice dropped the ball, creating situations in which Brisbane's forwards could have scored, had they been more alert.

But after this initial three-week settling-in period, **Banovic** should not be ready to show the brilliant form that lifted him to stardom with Essendon-Croatia in the Victorian State League.

Buljevic was first to threaten the goal against Brisbane City. His shot in the seventh minute was held by **Wishart** and his header from a **Campbell** cross went over the bar.

Then **Andrew Boszakis** put the ball into the net, but referee **Stewart Mellings** spotted a handballing offence and disallowed the goal.

Campbell strunked towards goal with men running free in front of him, calling for the ball. He should have delivered it quickly, but held it instead and was chopped from behind by **Wilkinson** who was shown the yellow card.

Kevin Caldwell, Brisbane City's most industrious forward, tried a speculative shot from the left wing. **Banovic** went up for the ball, and it slipped through his hands. He turned quickly and pounced on it before the City forwards could get there to take advantage of his mistake.

Buljevic had Heidelberg's best shot of the first half when he turned on the ball and hit it from about 15 metres in the 45th minute, but **Wishart** pinned the ball brilliantly over the bar.

Boszakis, who did not play a big part in the game, did his best piece of work in the 48th minute when he lifted a fantastic cross over defenders from the right flank to **Cole** who was being unmarked in the penalty area. However, **Cole** shot wide. **Echeverria** was shown the yellow card for a foul on **Tansey** and then **George Potter** executed a perfect shoulder charge that prevented **Campbell** from scoring as he entered the area.

Banovic made his second mistake when he pounced on a low ball but let it roll free. **Caldwell** latched onto it and lobbed it towards goal from an acute angle but it went across goal.

MARCONI 2 ST GEORGE 1

Ground: Marconi Oval
Crowd: 4356
Referee: J. Reeves 6
Scorers: Degney, Sharme (Marconi), Katholios (SG).

Marconi laboured against St George for more than an hour before scoring two quick goals to seal the game and take the two points. Marconi's coach **Les Scheinflug** was pleased to have won two points, but is not very happy with the way his team is playing at the moment.

"We must be more resolute in midfield. Unfortunately, Roberto Vieri is still carrying an injury, while **Bertie Mariani** and **Tony Henderson** are still to find their feet in their new positions," said **Scheinflug**.

Marconi did not help its forwards in their drive towards goal. Service from midfield was sadly lacking and much of Marconi's trust lay in the hands — or should I say, feet — of young **Peter Sharme**.

He was brought down in the second minute of the game by **George Harris** and from a resultant free kick by **Ivo Prskalo** Marconi almost scored.

Prskalo floated the ball to the far post for **Eddie Krncevic** to head towards **Henderson**.

The tall midfielder pushed the ball across the area, but it bounced off a defender and landed 20 metres from goal. **Bertie Mariani** unleashed a tremendous drive that left **Martin Coe** helpless, but it missed the upright by centimetres.

Ten minutes after the restart, **Mark Janjovic** had an ideal opportunity to score. **Rudolfo Della Pica** tried to trip Janjovic, but the Marconi forward regained his feet and was about to get to the ball before **Coe**, but the referee brought the play back for a foul on Janjovic, and promptly booked **Della Pica**.

St George retaliated through **Roy Cotton** seven minutes later. He managed to go past **Prskalo**, but muffed a great chance by skying the ball over the bar.

The game continued to fluctuate in this half, with St George the better of the two teams in midfield, but unable to release those vital passes to the forward line.

Janjovic came close with his head midway through the first half, then **Peter Hensman** came close after being presented with a fractional chance in the 34th minute. The game slowly died in the last ten minutes of the first half never to come to life until the end despite the three second half goals.

Almost from the restart, **Robert O'Shea** found **Hensman** running hard on the right flank. A pass by O'Shea was perfect and gave **Hensman** a chance to beat **John Russell** on the run then cross to the near post for young Soccerero **Peter Katholios** to glide in and score from three metres.

In the 58th minute, Marconi levelled. **Henderson** pushed the ball forward for **Paul Degney** to race in, beat **Della Pica** and slide the ball under an advancing **Coe**.

Nine minutes later, Marconi needed four chances before slotting the ball into the net. With St George unable to clear, **Sharme** had the first opportunity to score, but decided to pass the ball to **Janjovic**. He turned, then passed to **Krncevic**. The young striker shot for the far corner, but the ball struck someone on the leg and just rolled past the upright.

Byrne took the corner kick, and again the St George defence failed to clear. **Sharme** took a swipe at the ball from a few metres and **Coe** was beaten again.

St George offered more resilient stuff than last week when trounced by the Sydney City and if its goal shy forwards start to shoot, we might expect a revival by the red, white and greens. Until then, the unfortunate **Joe Gelat** will have to work hard

OLYMPIC 0 APIA 2

Scorers: Carruthers (Apia) 16th min, Stone (Apia) 88th min.
Ground: Pratten Park, Ashfield.
Crowd: 6751.
Weather: Fine.
Referee: Tim Davies 9.
Cautions: Nil.

Sydney Olympic president **John Constantine** was hoping that his club would open its debut at its new home ground at Pratten Park with at least a draw from this game.

APIA opened the scoring when a through ball from Italian import **Rosario Rampanti** found **Butler** lurking dangerously inside the box.

Butler steadied before rounding defender **Billy Palmer**.

But as he was halfway past his opponent, **Palmer** had no choice but to tackle the former Soccerero winger from behind.

Butler lay sprawled on the pitch, with referee **Tim Davies** having no hesitation awarding a penalty which was coolly converted by former Scottish under 23 international **Eric Carruthers**.

Olympic fought back strongly and should have equalised just five minutes later.

Peter Raskopoulos won a tactical duel with **Ray Richards** before serving the ball to **Alan Ainslie** who was overlapping on the right.

Ainslie crossed the ball to lanky striker **Alex Jamieson** at the far post.

Jamieson collected the ball and had only veteran APIA keeper **Dave McGuire** to beat, but somehow Jamieson kept his eyes pinned to the ball, instead of looking up before shooting, and missed by metres.

An equaliser at this stage was what Olympic needed to gain confidence after conceding the penalty.

Olympic had another glorious opportunity to draw level five minutes before half-time.

Derek Laing beat **Peter Stone** on the right before giving a square pass to **Clive Eaton** inside the box. Eaton hit a powerful shot first time, which had **McGuire** well beaten, but **Peter Wilson** was standing on the goal line to head out what looked to be a certain goal.

It was Soccerero midfielder **Peter Stone** that made the difference between the two sides in the second 45-minute period.

It was **Stone's** first appearance for APIA in three weeks, after recovering from a badly bruised foot. His tackling, distribution and shooting gave APIA flair that is sadly lacking in the side at the moment.

APIA sealed the game four minutes from full-time when replacement midfielder **Brian O'Donnell** switched play from the left side to the right with a brilliant 50-metre pass.

Rampanti gathered, shielding the ball inside the box from **Richie Bell**, before giving **Stone** a pass which needed only to be on target to seal Olympic's fate.

And on target it was, as **Stone** unleashed a smashing first-time pleydrier which gave "keeper **Gary Meier** no chance.

APIA coach **Jim Adam** made a surprise selection in his draw when he dropped young Soccerero keeper **Greg Woodhouse** for the evergreen **McGuire**.

Adam's decision is likely to result in **Woodhouse** asking for a transfer, as he has publicly stated he would leave the club unless he is guaranteed a first-team place.

LIONS 2 STH MELB 0

Scorers: Hughes 65th, Brennan 70th.
Ground — Perry Park.
Weather — Sunny and humid.
Crowd — about 1500.
Cautions — Hughes (L).
Referee — Tony Boskovic, rating 9.

Brisbane Lions, after losing twice in succession, snapped out of the doldrums by beating the beleaguered and grossly disappointing South Melbourne 2-0 at Perry Park.

How a team like South Melbourne, with such a wealth of talent, even allowing for its off-field worries, can play with such a lack of flair, is nothing short of amazing.

Admittedly, Lions in the first half were little better. Neither goalkeeper was tested at any stage and whatever promising moves were created were constantly ruined by offside infringements.

The only highlight of the first half, if one could call it that, was a mysterious incident involving **Alan Evans** and **Col Bennett**, when the South Melbourne striker was left clutching his forehead.

Despite the total absence of good football, Lions did manage to give their supporters faint hope on three occasions, the best when young **Tom McGregor** had a shot blocked by **Chris Kalfatidis**.

George Campbell found it impossible to work his way past either **Ian Lawrie** or **John Russell** down the left and **Evans' effort** were negated by **Bennett** and **Jim Hermiston**, leaving South Melbourne with an alarming lack of penetration.

Dave MacLaren's move of replacing lethargic **Duncan Cummings** with **Ken Drakeford** paid little dividend, but the real turning point came with two later substitutions.

Big Frank Munro limped off in the 54th minute and **Bertie Luttrell** came in. From then on South's defence was in disarray for long periods.

And in the 57th minute, Lions' striker **Peter Brennan** replaced **Brian Fairbrother**, who injured his ribs in a clash with **Jack Reilly**, and from that moment Lions began to fire.

Brennan's aggression lifted Lions and his presence enabled **McGregor** to fire himself up to newly-found heights, thereby rendering the South Melbourne midfield of young Soccereros **Alan Davidson** and **George Christopoulos** utterly inept.

Brennan had been on the field only eight minutes when he charged between two South Melbourne defenders, gained possession and passed out to **Craig Wallace** on the right.

Wallace advanced and shot, **Reilly** made a great save but the rebound drifted loose to an unmarked **Alan Hughes**, who hammered a left-footer into the roof of the net.

Only five minutes later **Brennan** made it safe for Lions when he chased a flick-on from **John Russell**, rounded **Tony Turner** with ease and stroked a calmly-taken shot past advancing **Reilly**.

South Melbourne had little left with which to come back and its only glimmer of hope, with the Lions' backline in full command, was when **Nigel Lownds** was forced to pounds on a **Drakeford** shot.

It was one of the few, if not the only one, that **Lownds** had to save during the match. Understandably, Lions ran riot in the last ten minutes against the wracked South Melbourne defence and could well have collected their first goalscoring bonus point.

Reilly made a splendid save of a **Brennan** shot and the key Lions substitute almost completed a possible hat-trick when he ghosted in to latch onto a back pass but watched **Reilly's** brave dive save the day.

ADELAIDE C. 0 NEWCASTLE 0

Ground: Olympic Sports Field.
Weather: Mild
Attendance: 5100
Referee: Don Campbell.

Adelaide City showed glimpses of its best form in a power-charged second half while league leader Newcastle was forced to defend desperately.

Newcastle's defence was given a torrid time by the league's top scorer **Dixie Deans** who threatened to destroy the visitors.

But Newcastle, despite the point lost, should be happy with the result.

Few teams will beat City at Olympic Sports Field this season, particularly if City repeats its second-half performance.

But there were flaws in City's game.

The midfield (with the exception of **Brian Northcote**) is still not firing, while the defence is still a bit brittle.

The star of the match was undoubtedly **Deans**. He was in splendid form. It took him only nine minutes to power a header at Newcastle's goal but unfortunately straight into the arms of **Phil Dando**.

Deans came close again in the 33rd minute when he deftly flicked a great header to the far post but it narrowly missed the target.

In between, elusive **Graham Heys** had Newcastle's best chance of the half when he pivoted and struck a super 15 metre volley just past the far post.

City began the second half in an aggressive mood and after just five minutes **Johnny Nyakhus** blasted a free-shot against the foot of the post.

Eight minutes later **Aggie Muniz** fired a power drive with **Dando** beaten but fortunately for Newcastle a defender cleared the ball off the line.

From that point it appeared Newcastle was content to draw the match.

But City began to fire on all cylinders and it was only some good goalkeeping and extraordinary luck which enabled Newcastle to hold out.

Chris Kent began the late City onslaught with a brilliant 30-metre shot which **Dando** diverted for a corner.

City forced a succession of corner kicks but they amounted to nothing.

City coach **Rale Rasac** replaced **Gary Marocchi**, well below his best, with **Robert Marwe** but the moved had no effect.

Newcastle came extremely close to snatching an undeserved win in the 85th minute when **Ken Boden**, in a good position, should have scored with the City defence in shambles.

But he blasted the ball over the bar.

Moments later City keeper **Peter Marshall** made a fine fingertip save from a cross and the clearance was swept upfield where City almost scored.

It was **Deans** again who threatened when he leapt brilliantly to head to the far post but **Dando** saved the attempt.

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CANBERRA 0 WEST ADEL. 0

Ground: Bruce Stadium, Canberra
Crowd: 4520
Weather: Fine and sunny
Referee: Jack Wood (Old) 7.

After 90 minutes of rugged but entertaining soccer at Canberra's Bruce Stadium, Canberra City and West Adelaide shared a 0-0 draw. But for Canberra, it was a point lost rather than one gained.

Throughout Canberra was the more entertaining, enterprising and impressive combination. But as always it's goals that count, and Canberra failed in that most vital task.

The home side's lack of striking power must be concerning coach **Vic Fernandez**.

However, Canberra City is close to signing a noted overseas forward. He is a big name and City expects his arrival within the next month.

But back to last Saturday. West Adelaide would have been happy indeed to win a point. West was lucky to draw the game.

It was not the West Adelaide team which impressed and took premiership honours in 1978. Like Canberra, Wests lack punch in attack.

The presence of former Soccerero striker **John Kosmina**, back playing his first game for Wests after returning from Arsenal, didn't help Wests forward problem.

Kosmina was contained by **Stephen Hogg**, Canberra's 13th minute replacement for the injured **Isaac Farrell**.

Hogg — only 19 — was more than Kosmina's equal.

And against's other teenagers **Danny Mox** and **Mike Milovanovic** — also played exceptionally well. Mox, despite severe stomach pains for most of the second half, excelled.

West Adelaide's man-of-the-match was goalkeeper **Martin Crook**. He made many fine saves and his ability in the air was brilliant.

Canberra, playing 4-4-2 and West Adelaide 4-3-3 both used the crossfield approach and tried to play thoughtful, constructive football.

But tackling was always rugged and occasional after full and dangerous. But Brisbane referee **Jack Wood** let the game flow and it worked.

Canberra was first to hit its straps when **Terry Byrne** pushed the ball back to **Johnny Davies**, Canberra's midfielder. He might the ball and put it yards over the bar. It was one of few things Davies did wrong.

He knows he is in contention for Soccerero berth and played like a man inspired.

Canberra's first good chance came after 16 minutes when a hard hit ball by **Luis Salgado** flashed across the goalmouth and begged for an outstretched boot to connect.

Byrne tried, but just missed and the cross went wide. Six minutes later **Con Kambar**'s header to clear a goalmouth melle was kept by Canberra's **Jimmy Cant** and his volleyed first-time attempt was not far wide.

Then came a quick, first time shot from **Byrne** and **Crook** saved well. Six minutes later when **Salgado** let loose a 30-metre pleydrier.

It looked to have 'goal' written all over it, but somehow **Crook** flung himself across his goal to save.

West Adelaide did not have one genuine attempt at goal throughout the first 45 minutes.

And in the second half, only two shots really troubled keeper **Steve Horowitz**, these coming from **Barry Reynolds** and **Peter Boyle**.

In the early minutes the visitors took determined to reverse the tide, but were well contained by St. George's backline, despite the absence of skipper **Roy Stark**, and veteran **John Brown** having a rare off-day.

Canberra, playing close-season signing **Paul Fielding** up front with **Terry Byrne** did make chances but these were squandered, or well-saved by **Crook**.

In the 59th minute, a back-header by **Byrne** had everyone beaten so it seemed but big, tall **Byrne** got up well to head it from just under the goal.

Then came the first of West Adelaide's changes **Victor Boszanic** for **Ian MacGregor**.

Within minutes West Adelaide came close when a free-kick from **Boszanic** took a deflection and left Canberra's keeper **Horowitz** wrong-footed and with his heart in his mouth, as he watched it roll only inches past the post.

Graeme Norris replaced **Honeman** up front in a bid to give West Adelaide renewed strike power. It didn't work, as Canberra finished the stronger.

SYDNEY C. 3 FOOTSCRAY 0

Ground: Wentworth Park
Goalkeepers: Watson 6th, Campbell 8th, Stevenson 8th
Crowd: 2034
Referee: Ken Allen 9
Weather: Fine

A brick-busting karate display and brawling by two Sydney City supporters over a loud bugle provided almost all the excitement until the latter part of the match at Wentworth Park.

One would have thought the objector to the bugle would have been grateful for any sign of life, lest all of the sparse crowd fell asleep in the pleasant autumn sunshine.

Sydney City took an early lead in the 6th minute when a nippy **Joe Watson** managed to score from close range when surrounded by a ring of Footscray defenders.

From then on Footscray, which has something of a reputation for attractive Continental-style soccer, pushed the ball around in midfield but failed almost totally to make any use of its dangerous strikers **Joe Palinkas** and **Mando Ristovski**.

Perhaps the slow-motion football had something to do with what some of the Footscray players later described as an inordinately early departure from Melbourne.

They claimed it was necessary to get up before seven o'clock in the morning to catch a 9 o'clock plane.

If it was sleeplessness they were suffering from, it certainly showed in their play but, surprisingly enough, the symptoms also spread to Sydney City for two-thirds of the game.

The change in the home side's attitude occurred only after the ever-busy **Ernie Campbell** drove home a scorching shot in the 68th minute, which deflected slightly off a defender to leave goalie **Steve Potter** floundering.

Joy over the goal was not diminished by what seemed to be a possible handball by **Terry Smith** in the preceding melee.

However, in fairness, none of the visitors complained over what probably was an unintentional incident.

With two goals in the bag, City suddenly had visions of a second bonus point in as many weeks and looked well on the way to bagging it when **John Stevenson** delicately chipped the ball over **Potter** after **Jim Kondorlos** had missed a crossed ball from the right wing.

Now it was all-out attack and **Hilton Silva** had a chance but his header went wide six minutes from the end.

Sydney City was well pleased with the result, achieved without **Kevin Mullen** who made his comeback from suspension against Resevy Workers in a NSW Federation match.

But the Blues from Footscray have some soul-searching to do this week.

Coach **Cedo Kirkovic** must be concerned not so much over his team's loss, but rather the manner of its demise.

While some of the close-passing skills were on display heart, will power, guts and determination were totally absent from the repertoire of most of the Footscray players on the day — a day they will want to forget in a hurry.

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Brian Northcote

Manecas

Afro-Portuguese star **Manecas**, whose possible recruitment by Sydney City was announced exclusively by "Soccer Action" earlier this year, may arrive in Australia before the end of the month.

All financial negotiations with the player and his club, Boia Mar, have been concluded successfully.

SUPER-STRIKERS ON SHOW

BY
LAURIE
SCHWAB

Three of the best strikers in the Philips League — Ken Boden, Clive Eaton and Dave McIntosh — are the men to watch as Newcastle and Olympic, the big improvers of the Philips League, prepare to test each other out on Saturday.

The big match will be played at the International Sports Centre, Newcastle, at 2.30 pm, and it should draw a crowd comparable with some of Newcastle's best attendances of 1978.

Alan Vest's Newcastle and Joe Marston's Olympic have captured the public's imagination with their early season form, since both were strugglers last year.

Both coaches are former international players, Vest having played World Cup football for New Zealand and Marston being a former captain of the Soccer.

International players on show in the game are Roy Drinkwater and Phil Dando who represented New Zealand, and Ken Boden, Col Curran, Richie Bell and Alan Ainslie, who have played for Australia.

To these, add Australian youth international, Malcolm McClelland, Peter Tredinnick and Peter Raskopoulos. In short, there's talent galore on show at the Sports Centre on Saturday.

But back to these match-winning strikers. Boden and Eaton were equal top scorers in the Philips League last season, but it was Eaton who won "Soccer Action's" award after Cup goals were counted to break the deadlock.

It turned out well, as Boden had earlier won the Yugoslav Airlines Player of the Year award — a return trip for two to Europe.

Both players will be subjected to close attention from defenders on Saturday. Boden will be up against Richie Bell and Ken Wilson, while Eaton will face the combined might of Bill Summerscales and Roy Drinkwater.

Lucky for both strikers, they will have talented men supporting them in attack. Graham Heys and Ian Seddon take some of the weight off Boden, while Derek Laing and McIntosh support Eaton.



Roy DRINKWATER



Col CURRAN

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED PLAYERS 1979



Lloyd HARDES



Joe SENKALSKI



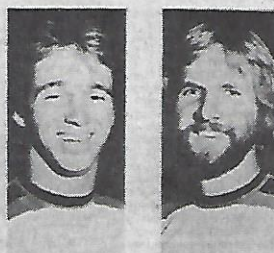
Malcolm MCCLELLAND



John SNEDDON



Michael BOOGAARD



Peter TREDINNICK

Laing is one of the most effective wingers in the league, and McIntosh has turned into one of the strongest strikers since being switched from defence.

Before last weekend's round, Newcastle had scored 10 goals, the highest total in the league, so this promises to be a match full of attacking flair. If the home team wins convincingly, it may really

become a candidate for the PSL title.

Likely teams:

NEWCASTLE: Dando — Willis, Summerscales, Drinkwater, Curran — McClelland, Seddon, Cowburn — Heys, Boden, Tredinnick.

OLYMPIC: Meier — Palmer, Bell, Wilson, Ainslie — Cross, Raskopoulos, Jamieson — Laing, Eaton, McIntosh.



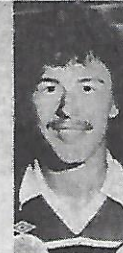
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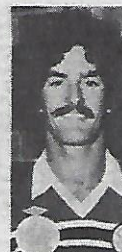
Kenny BODEN



Peter WILLIS



Mike GALPIN



Craig MASON



Jim MCGREEN



Ian SEDDON



David JONES



Graham HEYS



Phil DANDO



Jim PRESTON

20th, Boden 9, Endecott 5. Total: 71.

NEWCASTLE KB UTD 1 (Boden)

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Senkalski) at

International Sports Centre, crowd

5281. Ratings by Joe Lanzoni:

NEWCASTLE: Dando 6 — Willis

6, Drinkwater 8, Summerscales 7,

Curran 6 — Amey 7, Mason 6,

Galpin 5 — Harde 6, Boden 7, En-

dcott 5 (Catalovski 6, 87th). Total:

69.5.

OLYMPIC: Meier 6 — McIntosh

7, G. Allen 7, Markland 6, Palmer 6

— Cross 6, Jamieson 7, Ainslie 7 —

Laing 7, D. Allen 6, Senkalski 7.

Total: 71.

Best players in games between

Newcastle and Olympic:

OLYMPIC: 7.5 Ainslie.

NEWCASTLE: 8.0 Boden.

Olympic's advantage in figures:

W D L F A

1 0 2 1

— LAURIE SCHWAB

Marconi had a dose of the JUST blues

The clash between Footscray JUST and Marconi at Olympic Park on Easter Monday, April 16, holds special significance for Marconi's players and officials.

In the last match of the 1977 season, it was Footscray that carried Marconi of the championship title.

Provided league leader Sydney City dropped a point to Olympic in the last match, Marconi could surge to the top of the ladder by beating Footscray 5-0.

As it turned out, Sydney City was held to a scoreless draw by Olympic in Sydney, and Marconi built up a 4-0 lead against Footscray at Middle Park.

Everyone who watched that match felt certain Marconi would add at least one more goal to grab the title, but it was not to be.

Suddenly Footscray cut loose. Marconi paid dearly for slack marking as John Nicolides, Dragan Vasic and Joe Piccione scored three goals in the last eight minutes to make the final score 4-3.

The final league ladder thus showed the first two places as follows:

Sydney City	W	D	L	F	A
Marconi	13	11	2	52	28
	15	7	4	42	21

Sydney City had won the league title because of a three-goal better goal difference.

Footscray finished eighth with 24 points.

Of the players who played in that last match on 1977, the following will line up again on Monday:

Jim Kondarios, Zoran Ilioski, Joe Piccione, Mendo Ristovski, Joe Palinkas, Andrija Ristic (Footscray), Alan Maher, John Russell, Ivan Prskalo, Paul Degney, Gary Byrne, Peter Sharma and probably Berdo Mariani (Marconi).

Over the four PSL matches between the clubs since the league started, Marconi holds a decided advantage, having won three of them. However, key players

Jimmy Rooney (best performer) for Marconi in games against Footscray) and Ray Richards are no longer in the Marconi team.

Mark Janjovic, Eddie Krcovic and Tony Henderson are now to take star billing.

Footscray is aiming not only to finish the season as Victoria's best PSL club but also to chal-

lenge for the championship. To realise this aim, coach Cedo Cirikovic is looking for ever-improving play from Yugoslav recruits

Slobodan Jovanovic (midfield) and Radoslav Jovicic (centre back).

Jovanovic must work harder at playing forward rather than sideways and backwards, and Jovicic must tighten his marking.

Likely team:

FOOTSCRAY: Potter — Ilioski, Kondarios, Jovicic, Lujic — Rustic, Piccione, Jovanovic — Palinkas, Ollerton, Ristovski.

MARCONI — Maher — Brogan, Prskalo, Russell, Degney, Vieri, Henderson, Byrne — Sharma, Janjovic, Krcovic.

1978

MARCONI 1 (Rooney) FOOT-

SCRAY JUST 2 (Rujovic, Nicolides) at Marconi Oval, crowd 3000.

Ratings by Alex Vasic:

MARCONI: Maher 7 — Byrne 5,

Russell 6, Prskalo 6, Degney 7 —

Richards 7, Vieri 6, Rooney 5 — Jan-

kovics 6 (Williams 5, 37th min), Mar-

iani 7, Sharma 8, Total: 75.5.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland 8 — Haz-

abent 7, Kriatic 7, Kondarios 6, Kazi

8 — Ilioski 7, Piccione 7, Rujovic 8 —

Lujic 8, Vasic 7 (Nicolides 69th)

Ristovski 8. Total: 83.

FOOTSCRAY JUST 0 MARCONI

2 (Parrott own goal, Mariani) at

Junction Oval, crowd about 5200.

Ratings by Laurie Schwab:

FOOTSCRAY: O'Hara 6 — Parrott

6, Kondarios 6, Kazi 6, Hazabent 6

— Ilioski 6, Piccione 6, Rujovic 8 —

Palinkas 5, Lujic 7, Ristovski 7.

Total: 74.

MARCONI: Maher 8 — Jones 7,

Prskalo 6, Russell 7, Degney 7 —

Byrne 5, Vasi 6, Rooney 7 — Sharma

6, Ristovski 6 — Palinkas 6

(Ristic 6, half time), Vasic 6, Nicol-

alides 7. Total: 73.

MARCONI: Maher 7 — Robertson

6, Russell 7, Prskalo 6, Degney 6 —

Richards 6, Byrne 8, Rooney 9 —

Sharma 6, Mariani 6, Campbell 6.

Total: 80.

MARCONI 1 (Milne own goal)

FOOTSCRAY JUST 0 at Marconi

Oval, crowd: 5200. Ratings by Tom

Anderson.

MARCONI: Maher 8 — Jones 8,

Prskalo 6, Hucker 8, Degney 6 —

Richards 8, Rooney 8, Byrne 8, Vieri

6 — Sharma 6, Campbell 6 (inj sub

Mariani 6) Total: 80.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland 8 — Parrott

6, Kondarios 6, Kriatic 6, Milne 7 —

Piccione 6, Miliic 7, Ilioski 6, Rujovic

6 — Palinkas 6, Ristovski 7. Total:

75.

Best player in games between

Marconi and Footscray:

MARCONI

8.0 Rooney,

7.5 Prskalo, Sharma, Maher.

FOOTSCRAY

8.0 Boland

7.5 Ristovski.

Number of appearances by

players in games between the

clubs:

MARCONI

4. Maher, Byrne, Prskalo, Deg-

ney, Rooney, Mariani, Sharma.

3. Russell, Richards, Vieri.

2. Janjovic, Jones, Campbell.

1. Williams, Robertson, Hucker.

FOOTSCRAY

4. Kondarios, Ilioski, Piccione,

Rujovic, Ristovski.

3. Kriatic, Kazi, Parrott, Palinkas.

2. Hazabent, Lujic, Vasic, Nicol-

alides.

1. O'Hara, Ristic, Milne, Miliic.

Marconi's advantage expressed

in figures:

W D L F A

3 0 1 8 5

Scores in games between the

teams:

MARCONI

3 Rooney

2 Mariani

1 Sharma

o.g. Parrott, Milne

FOOTSCRAY

2 Nicolides

1 Rujovic, Vasic, Piccione

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Marconi sweeper Ivo Prskalo grimaces and raises his hands to protect his face as he is hit by a shot from Footscray's Mendo Ristovski (right), in a PSL practice match. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

THE FINALISTS

For those Victorian State League fans who have missed the transfer news pre-season, during the Ampol and Dockerty Cups, 'Soccer Action' publishes a complete list of clubs' playing staffs. The list includes players brought to the individual clubs, as well as news on 1978 players.

ALBION ROVERS

Retained — Bobby NISBETT, Alex WARK, Steven BLAIR, Bill McINTYRE, Mick O'SYLVIA, Bill McCORMACK, KIR GRECHAN.
New — Bill JOHNSON (Sunshine City), Steve GATT (Juniors), Gordon STEVENS (Scotland), Alastair DENHAM (Scotland), Dave McNEIL (Altona City), Hugh STEWART (Scotland), Frank McLEOD (Scotland), David STOKES (Ireland), Dave McNEIL (Altona City).

Off — Noel MITTEN (Frankston City), Jeff OLIVER (Heidelberg Utd), John Davidson (Perth WA), Danny McCUSKY (Frankston City).
Mick EMIN (Royal Park), Jim DAPERIS (Western Subs), Jim GREEN (Injured), Gordon BENTLEY (Doveton).
Transfer-listed — George MAIKOUSIS, Frank CAMPBELL, Alan QUINN (free), Jimmy JOHNSTONE (free).
Albion Rovers is confident new Scottish recruit Hugh Stewart will be a star in the State League. Stewart, a forward/midfielder, comes from the Argyllshire League.

Kir Grechan will be unavailable for six weeks because he is on holiday overseas, and young forward Mick O'Sylvia will be out for a month with a knee injury.

ALTONA CITY

Retained — Hans VAN DER POEL, Dennis MESSENI.

Rob GRAMSBERGEN

Retained — George TRAIN, Richard PLESEA, John BURNHAM, Kevin KELLY, George WATTERS, Nat LITTLE, Bob TAYLOR, Con IGNATIDIS.
New — Terry BANAGAN (Sunshine City), Harry HIRD (England), Billy WHITE (Geelong), John LITTLE (Juniors), Richard BUCKLEY (Juniors), Harry CRAW (Scotland).

Off — Alan DAVIDSON (South Melbourne), Kevin WILSON (returning to England), Abe BROWN (Frankston City), Mick BANAGAN (Melton), Jim ACKERS (retired), Manny GAMBIN (unavailable), Joe TROUT, Roy HAMILTON, Jim WYLLIE, Mark BROWN.
Transfer-listed — Ray O'DONNELL (free), Jim WATERMAN (free).
Altona City defender Rob Gramsbergen is unavailable until mid-May because he is going overseas on holiday.

Karen Wilson, son of Altona coach John Wilson, has returned to England with his family. Manny Gamin is unavailable because of studies, but both he and Jim Ackers, who is ruled out because of business, may return later this season.

Defender Stuart Cornell of Doncaster (England) may join Altona later this season.

Former Sunshine City midfielder Terry Banagan is out until May with an ankle injury. Con Ig-



Dave Rigby — joined Hakoah from Adelaide City.

natide will miss four weeks with a collarbone injury.

CROYDON

Retained — Mick EDWARDS, Tom KELLY, Jimmy SPINK, Steve MCCOMBE, Alan PONGHO, Mike SINCLAIR, Pat LOWREY, Duncan SMITH, Charlie MURPHY, Charlie KELLY, Joe TROUT, Roy HAMILTON, Jim WYLLIE, Mark BROWN.
New — Reg MORTON (Waverley City), Dave BROGHAN (Scotland), Paul PRIESTLEY (Moorebank), Harry MCKINLAY (Scotland), Gary HOBSON (Juniors).

Transfer-listed — Stuart FOWLER, Roy LAWTON.
Croydon is in the process of bringing out its fifth player from the United Kingdom.
A winger from an English League club is expected to join Dave Broghan, Jimmy Spink, Duncan Smith and Harry McKinlay, all of whom have joined Croydon from Scottish

League clubs during the past 12 months.
Midfielder Charlie Murphy has started training and Charlie Kelly, is still suffering from an ankle injury sustained in the Ampol Cup.

Former Melbourne winger **Stuart Fowler**, who joined the club last season, is on the transfer list.
Croydon coach **Mike Plunkett** said two more players might be added to the list later in the season.

ESSENDON CROATIA

Retained — Miro FRANJIC, Jim PETROVSKI, Grant SMART, Ante BLAVER, Steve KOKOSKA, Ken MURPHY, Alan KERR, Branko CULINA, Tommy CUMMING, Carl CILDER, Silvano FRANIN.
New — Peter BLASBY (Heidelberg Utd), Keith ADAMS (Ringwood City), Steve SHORT (Slavia), Ned COTIC (Juniors), Zeljko LONCAR (Juniors), Ned BATINOVIC (Juniors), Phil VUK (Juniors), Ivan ISTUK (Juniors).

Off — Yanka BANOVIC (Heidelberg Utd), Eddie KRNEVIC (Marconie), Bill VOJTEK (Green Gully), Peter IESAN (Azumi, SA), Howard ANDREWS (retired).
Transfer-list — John RADONIER, Brian DAVIDSON, John WALLACE.
Essendon Croatia will bring replacements from overseas to strengthen the playing squad. Croatia lost seven players from last season's first team squad, five of whom were regulars.

Howard Andrews is undecided about his future in soccer, and former player coach John Gardiner is waiting for an offer from another club. He would like to join Preston Makedonia.
Brian Davidson wants to play in Tasmania, but hasn't yet been transferred.

FRANKSTON

Retained — Frank PETERSEN, Vince BANNON, Alex TULLOCH, Alan PARROTT, John TAYLOR, Bob ADAMS, Keith WEBSTER, Ged BANNON, Norrie CAMPBELL.
New — Neil MITTEN (Albion Rovers), Willie COULSON (Ringwood City), Kevin SWINSCOE (England), Tony YOUNG (England), Bruce YOUNG (England), Paul MARTIN (England), Dave COOPER (Waverley City), Danny McCUSKY (Albion Rovers), Dave GILBERT (Juniors).

Off — Abe BROWN (returned to UK), Sandy IRVINE (Morwell Falcons), Gordon MacGREGOR (Scotland), Gus EADIE (America), Tommy FOX (Dandenong City), Con FAKOS (Doveton), Nick BURGESS (retired).

Transfer-listed — Andy SAVAGE, Eric GILLESPIE, Ian WILLIAMSON, Mark DALL, Ernie MERRICKS.
Midfielder **Abe Brown** shocked the club by announcing his departure after playing only four games with Frankston City.

The former Altona City player will return to Britain in the near future. He transferred to Frankston after the end of last season.
Hakoah full back **Chris Valli** has shown interest in joining Frankston, but his employment situation presents problems. Valli works shifts, including Sundays and on training nights. He lives at Carnum, which makes it convenient to join the Bayside club.

Alex Tulloch will be out six weeks with a broken ankle.
Three more players will be added to the transfer list, as Frankston's squad is already bulging. Two guest players — **Martin Peters** of Norwich City and **Eamon Bannon** of Chelsea — are expected to play with Frankston this season.

GEORGE CROSS

Retained — Gerry RICE, Steve MATSSON, Phil CATAJAR, Derek BARRON, Norm MAITLAND, Billy WILKINSON, Tony CASTELLO, Robert MIRAK, Jim PAPARAS, FRANK MIFSUD, Tony SCICLUNA.
New — Ray MIZZI (Thomastown), Brian THOM (Ringwood City), Steve SODONACO (Triestina), Laurie BILUSIC (Juniors).

Off — John WEBB (Kellor Austria).

Ken REED (Apia), Robert CULLEN (Preston Makedonia).
Paul MURPHY (returned to Ireland).

Transfer-listed

Kevin WALKER, Alec MCCONVILLE, Paul DEEMING, Peter EBINI.
After selling star forwards **Robert Cullen** and **Ken Reed** for sizable amounts, George Cross is now searching high and low for replacements. And the Cross has the finances to get the right players.

Michael Wilson, a former Hibernian (Scotland) player, has been signed by George Cross, but at the time we went to press he hadn't arrived in the country.

George Cross will sign several more players in the early weeks of the season, especially forwards.

GG-AJAX

Retained — Lou DENYS, Stan MAGRO, Peter DONALDSON, Ian MCCARTHY, John PATTEN, Les THOMSON, Stan KLAIR, Andy CAIN, Steve CARR, Nigel DANIELS, Dave PERKIN, Steve BENNIE, Willie VASSALLO, Laurie SMITH, Steve CRILLY.
New — Mick KLARIN (Heidelberg Utd), Joe PAVLEKOVIC (Essendon Croatia), Bill VOJTEK (Essendon Croatia).

Off — Frana BERENS (Sunbury).
Transfer-listed — Gerry TRIBUZIO, Joe THOMPSON.

New player/coach **Billy Vojtek** transformed a squad of players who had performed dimly in 1978, into Ampol Cup winners and championship contenders in 1979.

Vojtek brought unknown defender **Mick Klarin** to Green Gully on a free transfer and the giant Klarin has shown there is talent in Victorian soccer if a coach is prepared to look.

Vojtek brought youngster **Joe Pavlekovic** from the Croatia reserves, and already has blooded him into the senior team.

Steve Bennie has injury problems, as does **Dave Perkin**.

HAKOAH

Retained — Bill WHITESIDE, Peter TSATSAKIS, Les OWEN, John DAPERIS, David BAKER, Andrew DOSEN, Steve GADSBY, Stuart BLAIR, Bill JORDANAU, Les NAGY, Graham FRENCH, Gerry EDMONDSON, Mike CLAREY, Ian GIBSON.
New — Michael FRASER (Juniors), Nick RAKOVALIS (Collingwood City), Dave RIGBY (Adelaide City), Michael LOH (Waverley City), Branko BOZINOVSKI (Juniors).

Off — Mike RAINY (Preston Makedonia), Chris VALLI (unavailable), George CRAIG (Kellor Austria).
Transfer-listed — Steve ADAMGINKIS.

Experienced forward **Mike Clarey** is battling to regain fitness after a cartilage operation. Clarey, Hakoah's top goalscorer last season, will be out of action for at least another six weeks.

Hakoah signed teenage striker **Michael Loh** from Waverley City, and has introduced another junior, **Branko Bozinovski**.

JUVENTUS

Retained — Robert TERZINI, Hugh GRAHAM, Claude LUCCHESI, Pat DELLA ROCCA, Bruno SABIDUSSI, Charlie SMITH, Serge SABIDINI, Jim SYMINGTON, Tony CURGIO, Lou SANNIPIOLI, John LUCCHESI, Kevin MOCK.
New — Peter VAUGHAN (South Melbourne), Carlos BERRIA (Juniors), Bobby McGUINNESS (South Melbourne), George GILLAN (Heidelberg Utd), Terry HAWKE (Moorebank).

Off — Mike HARRY (Fawkner), Ulf PFISTERER (temporary retirement), David WATKINS (returned to Scotland), Steve WALKER (retired), John HOTSON (returned to Scotland), Jim ARMSTRONG (Shepparton).

Juventus was forced to go into the transfer market after **Mick Watkins** and **John Hotson** returned to Scotland.

leaving Juve with virtually no forwards.

The signing of **George Gillan** and **Bobby McGuinness**, plus the rejuvenation of **John Lucchessi** has restored Juve's attack.

SLAVIA

Retained — Fred NERI, Frank THOMPSON, John YZENDOORN, Glenn WESTLEY, Jim TRAIN, Brian TUI, Jim WILLIAMS, Steve ALDRIDGE, James PATON, Dave PVE.
New — Alex McPHERSON (England), Billy BRINDIE (England), Brian MONAGHAN (England), Tony KINNEAR (England), Mick SHUTTLEWORTH (Knox City), Pat WADE (Juniors).

Off — Steve SHORT (Essendon Croatia), Andy MILLER (Injured), Barry BOLTON (Englewood, WA), Paul MILBORROW (returned to England), Vic HARRINGTON (returned to England).

Transfer-listed — Peter CLARKE, Joe PLUMMER, Martin TURNER, Mick O'HALLORAN.

Slavia supposedly has 10 players from England staying in an inner-suburban house. The names or situation of these players is not known to 'Soccer Action', and so they can't be included on this list.

Defender **Andy Miller**, who had a leg broken last season, has been advised to stand out of soccer for the time being by doctors.

Striker **Jamie Paton**, and defender **John Yzendoorn** have both shown interest in leaving the club, so Slavia's squad may have changes to it this season.

MAKEDONIA

Retained — Chris DEMERIS, Steve BECH, Tom BREVERTON, Ljube PETROVSKI, Eric LESBIRE, George MILLAN, Jeff SAUKNER, Mitko SAVESKI, Dusko MASALMOVSKI.
New — Lou KASTNER (Kellor Austria), Mike RAINY (Hakoah), Dave GARTHWAITE (Ringwood City), John HIGHAM (England), Gordon FLAVELLE (Scotland), Robert CULLEN (George Cross), Gary WARD (England), Ian TUFFIELD (Box Hill).

Off — Peter LAUMETS (South Melbourne), Paul HALLAM (Perth, WA), Gary HOOPER (George Cross), Colin McGIFFORD (Returned to Britain), Chris GLENNON (returned to Britain), Bill MCCLYMONT (returned to Britain), Tim GLADDING (Perth, WA), Paul GLASSON (returned to NZ).

Transfer-listed — John BERNARD, Chris PETROV, Dragan BLASEVSKI, Brian FLAHERTY.
Preston Makedonia signed **Box Hill** forward **Ian Tuffield**, but balanced the books by selling defender **Gary Hooper** to George Cross. Both deals involved transfer fees reported to be around \$3,000.

Preston is expected to sign a midfielder player after **John Bernard** was put on the transfer list at his own request.

SUNSHINE

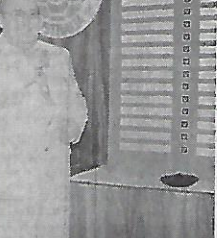
Retained — Alan CONTINI, John SCHOLTEN, Mike DIXEY, Nick LOWE, Steve ELTIS, Hugh HOWE, Rob NELSON, Frank MUSSEL, Dave NELSON, Willy LAING, Jim McROBERT, Stuart GILMOUR.
New — Dale WOOD (Juniors), Dennis MAROVIC (Juniors), Andy ESPOSITO (Juniors), John MCNALLY (Juniors), Mike PAISLEY (Wentworth), NIF CHRISTOULIDIS (Arden), George NILO (Chile).

Off — Ray POCOCK (Western Suburbs), Kaz PIOTROWSKI (Wentworth), Terry BANAGAN (Altona City), Nick COOK (White Eagles, Tasmania).

Transfer-listed — Bernie PARKIN.
Sunshine City has sold midfielder **Nick Cook** to Tasmanian State League club White Eagles.

Cook joined Sunshine in 1978 in a big deal which saw cash and **Ian McCarthy** go to Green Gully in exchange for Cook.

Ironically, Cook played few games for Sunshine, and McCarthy had a new lease of soccer life.



Herman Huyer, the managing director of Phillips Australia, pictured after the Phillips Cup draw in Sydney.

ASF bitt over NS 'obstinac

By PETER SCOTT

Phillips Soccer League official bitter at the "obstinacy" of the Soccer Federation, which has in the certain elimination of a the nation's biggest drawcard first round of this year's Phillip competition.

Plans originally called for the seeding PSL teams, avoiding head-on clashes them at the outset.

All State Federations agreed to such hold, except NSW, thus forcing a draw sulted in the pitching of Heidelberg against South Melbourne, and Adelaide against West Adelaide in the first matches on Antac Day, on April 25.

The full schedule of fixtures is: Brisbane Lions v Southside Eagles a bane City v St George South at Perry Pt St George (NSW) v Ipswich United i Sutherland v Sydney Olympic at St George.

Croatia APJA and Sydney City v Al Wentworth Park; Marconi v Malita Eagles at Marconi's Wes Wood v Canberra City at Bruce's Newcastle KB United v Edgewood i the International Sports Centre.

St. Kilda Hakoah v Essendon Croatia ston Makedonia (Vic) v White Eagles Middle Park.

George Cross v Footscray and He United v South Melbourne at Olympic P. Adelaide City v West Adelaide at Sports Field.

South Australia 1 v South Australia South Australia 2 v Kingsway Olympic Hindmarsh Stadium.

South Australian State League entries to be decided.

Ironically, in view of the NSW Fed objections, all of their State League team up with PSL opponents.

Another feature of the Phillips Cup is globalization of the draw, which will be until the final, according to Australian Federation secretary **Brian Le Fèvre**.

This means that Queensland, North and NSW teams will be in one half of with Victoria, the ACT, Tasmania, South and Western Australia making up a half.

Thus the top half of the draw will cent PSL teams, as against six in the bottom. The complete regionalization will also the impossibility of PSL teams from the meeting opponents from the other be final.

Another innovation was the ASF's dispense with the method of drawing decide which teams play at home.

Rules for the 1978 Phillips Cup stipi all venues are to be determined by the grounds for the first round were annou days after the draw last week.

The reason for this is the ASF's dete to minimise travelling expenses, but understandable ambition. It will be to ment of the competition and could lead plaints by some of the participating club did last year.

The best news is Phillips Industries' financial support for the Cup, as conf managing director **Herman Huyer** at for the first round which took place in pany's North Sydney board room.

This year's winner will receive \$50 \$2500 to the runner-up and \$1250 as losing semi-finalists. Clubs will also see proceeds of rounds in which they partici.

The final of the Phillips Cup will be; September 30.

Huyer also confirmed that Phillips i continue its support of Australian sa years to come.

"Soccer has done well from Phillips view; some things do need improving. takes time," he said.

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John Payne will succe torian State League club A

Payne, a former Altona a since 1978 and takes over a Joe Wilson, who's been w an advisory capacity until he in May.

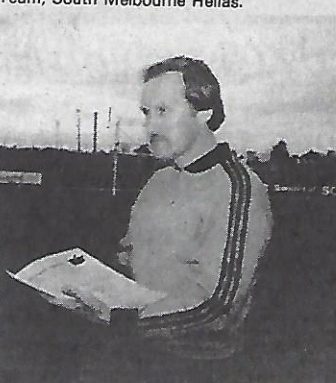
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ALTONA 2 SUNSHINE 2

Scorers: Sunshine - D. Nelson 1st, Paisley 22nd
Altona - Lewis 38th, Taylor 44th

Ground: Kim Reserve, Altona
Crowd: 200
Weather: fine
Cautions: Kelly (A), Dixey (A)

Referee: Jim Fokianos
ALTONA CITY: van der Poel 6, Lewis 7, Plessa 5, Murray 7, Train 6, Kelly 8, Walters 8.5 (Wilson 75th min), Whyte 8, Taylor 7, N. Little 5 (J. Little 71st min), Hird 5.5. Total: 69.

SUNSHINE CITY: Clarke 6, Dixey 6, Lowe 7, Morovic 5, Howe 5, Mussel 5, R. Nelson 5, Esposto 5, Paisley 7, Christodoulos 4 (Laing 67th min), D. Nelson 8. Total: 85.

Altona must be angry with itself after throwing away a point in its match with Sunshine City. Despite conceding a goal in the first minute, and being 0-2 down at the 22 minute mark, Altona was the better team for most of the game, and should have taken two points.

Sunshine had three attacks that produced two goals in the first half, while Altona battered away at Sunshine's goal for most of the half. However, it wasn't until the last nine minutes of the first half that Altona turned its superiority into goals.

Full back Peter Lewis had a hand in both goals for Altona, which gave him the opportunity to wipekarak from his former team mates.

Lewis scored Altona's first goal after a mistake by young Sunshine centre half Dennis Morovic. Kevin Kelly floated a free kick into the Sunshine penalty area, where it spilled free after several players challenged in the air. Morovic had a chance to clear, but he failed to do so.

Lewis had time to pick his spot and hit a hard drive past Sunshine's new goalkeeper, Peter Clarke, signed on a free transfer from Prahran Slavia.

A minute before half time, Lewis climbed over a row of players to head powerfully at goal from a Nat Little corner.

Striker Bob Taylor was in the six-yard box, and turned the ball into the net with Clarke unswitched.

It was justice that Altona equalised. It played far more creative soccer, and had plenty of chances to score.

New player Billy Whyte had a great debut for Altona. Whyte has been in Australia only a few weeks, and was living in Geelong when invited to train with the club.

In Scotland, Whyte played with Queens Park for three years before turning to England to play with non-league clubs Hendon, Leytonstone and Barnet.

Whyte impressed with his ability to be in space when the ball was coming out of defence, and his distribution of accurate left-footed passes.

He reads the game well, and has the confidence and authority to develop into a top player.

It was the drive of Whyte on the left side in the first half which

gave Altona command of the game. Aided by George Walters, who was supporting his strikers well up the right flank, Altona had control of the game.

This is where Sunshine fell down badly. Midfielders Rob Nelson, Andy Esposto and Frank Mussel didn't venture forward enough. Nelson in particular was very subdued, and played a deep-lying role all the time.

The work up front was left to Dave Nelson, who battled all day and showed his class and Michael Paisley, whose sheer persistence was a menace to Altona.

An example of Paisley's spirit was shown when he 'scored' his team's second goal. After a cross from the left, a Sunshine player pushed the ball towards the goal, but a jumble of legs. The shot was not well struck, but bounced awkwardly for goalkeeper Hans van der Poel, who could only parry the shot.

Paisley was on hand and shaped to clear the ball. Paisley had followed up, and was rewarded when Walters' clearance rebounded off his back and into the empty net.

Paisley had a hand in Sunshine's shock first minute goal. He passed a ball for Dave Nelson to run onto. Nelson made no mistake in converting the chance into a goal.

Bob Taylor worked tirelessly for Altona, but Nat Little and Harry Hird were disappointing. In defence, Richard Plessa was drafted in because of the absence of Rob Gramsberger. I don't think the combination of Plessa and Keith Murray is strong enough to hold the State League's top strikers.

Murray did well with his tackling, and general defensive work, but he may lack the pace to be effective at covering in the back four.

As well, Altona's tactic of using the offside trap sometimes caused more trouble than good.

Sunshine's Dennis Morovic will obviously need time to settle into State League soccer. The tall youngster has the potential, but will be challenged for a position in the team by Steve Ellis, the centre back from last season currently warming the bench at Sunshine's.

Sunshine will get better. Its defence is strong and decisive, but the midfield lacks attacking flair and the forward line a central figure to take the brunt of the physical work. Paisley and Dave Nelson haven't the build to be target men.

The second half followed much the same pattern of the first. Altona attacked strongly for the first 20 minutes, but failed to score.

Sunshine then started to counter-attack, and almost caught Altona a couple of times. Paisley was through, but overran the ball, and allowed Hans van der Poel to save. Later Paisley shot wide after Dave Nelson had capitalised on a mistake by Kelly and George Train and sent a through ball.

Altona's experts, Scottish recruit Robert Carr to arrive this week, and he may make his debut against Green Gully this weekend.

- KYLE PATTERSON.

GREEN GULLY 1 HAKOAH 1

Scorers: Perkins (GG) 34th, Rigby (H) 52nd.

Ground: Green Gully Reserve, St. Albans.
Crowd: 320.
Weather: overcast.
Referee: J. Fearn.

GREEN GULLY AJAX: Denys Donaldson, Klarin, Cain, Patten, McCarthy, Vojtek, Vassilio (Crilly), Segi (Smith), Carr, Perkins.

HAKOAH ST. KILDA: Whittall, Allison, Gadsby, Dosen, Baker, Blair, Rigby, Jordano, Loh, French, Bozowski.

At one of the Green Gully/Hakoah games played last weekend, Green Gully deserved to win by a couple of goals and Hakoah never looked dangerous.

"We should have won 3-0," said Ajax player/coach Billy Vojtek. "Hakoah never looked like scoring, and we were the better team."

Somewhere in Melbourne, on the same day, Green Gully and Hakoah played again. This time, Hakoah was easily the better team.

"Hakoah could easily have won 7-1," said president Dennis Krongold. "It was getting embarrassing because we were missing so many goals."

Readers may be a little confused, so let's put the record straight. Green Gully and Ajax played only one game on the

weekend. The result was a 1-1 draw.

Everything is clear, except the opinion of the two clubs as to which team should have won the match. After hearing the opinion of Billy Vojtek and Dennis Krongold, readers would be excused for thinking they were talking about two different games.

With that in mind, it's hard to make any hard and fast judgments about the match without coming under fire from at least one club.

Maybe this report should stick to the facts.

David Perkins scored a goal that put Ajax one goal ahead. He scored the goal after Billy Vojtek played a 1-2 with striker Steve Carr, then slipped the ball past defender Steve Gadsby. Perkins received Vojtek's pass and shot into the net.

Ajax scored its first goal after approximately 35 minutes of play. Green Gully held that lead until the 92nd minute of the game when Dave Rigby scored an equaliser. That was the score 1-1.

When the final whistle blew, the score was still 1-1, so each team received one point each.

Hakoah included Colin Allison, a former Melbourne player. Allison played at right back, a position that is strange to him. His previous appearances in the first team have been as a right winger.

He is still a teenager, so is young enough to adapt and become a defender.

John Daperis, who played right back last week against Preston Macedonia, was out suspended. Daperis was shown the red card by referee Nick Karlich in the dressing rooms after the game. During the play, he was booked for dissent, and further discussion with the ref. led to him being sent off.

At the risk of causing argument, the best players were reported to be Mick Klarin, Billy Vojtek, Dave Perkins (Ajax), Steve Gadsby, Michael Loh and Stuart Blair (Hakoah).

CROYDON 0 SLAVIA 0

Ground: Croydon Park, Croydon
Crowd: 1000
Weather: Overcast
Referee: N. Karlich
CROYDON CITY: Morton, Spink, Pongho, McCombe, Hobson, Sinclair, Smith, Broghan, Lowrey, Priestley, Trout (Wylie 70th min).

SLAVIA: McPherson, Thompson, Westley, Vazandorn, Pye, Brindle, Train, Tuft, Williams, Aldridge, Patten.

Croydon City coach Mike Plunkett omitted striker Roy Hamilton for the first time since he burst into the team early last season.

Hamilton, who was Croydon's top goalscorer last season, has not shown the same form he displayed last season. Illness has been partly blamed for Roy's lack of form.

Jim Wylie, who along with Hamilton created so much havoc for First Division defences last season, was not included in the Croydon starting 11, although he made an appearance as a substitute.

Paul Priestley looks certain to get an extended run in the Croydon first team, and with new Scottish recruit Harry McKinlay in training, the newly-promoted club could well have a restructured forward line.

Priestley came from Mooroolbark Utd, where he played several games in the Phillips League. McKinlay played with Scottish Second Division club Cowdenbeath.

Although the game finished a 0-0 draw, the entertainment was there for the spectators. Both sides had good scoring chances but one goal would have settled the matter.

For Croydon the result is encouraging. The last time the two teams met, Slavia triumphed 5-1, so Croydon has shown a marked improvement.

Secondly, it's only the second time this season (after nearly a dozen games) that Croydon hasn't conceded a goal. The other game was an 11-0 thrashing of Essendon City, so Croydon's defence has improved dramatically, especially after its recent indifferent displays.

Croydon learned from its 1-5 drubbing by Slavia, and paid a lot more attention to Jamie Paton. Steve McCombe marked Paton when the teams last met, but this time the faster, more mobile Alan Pongho was given the task.

He watched Paton like a hawk, but the State team striker still managed to get away on a few occasions. His only real chance at goal came when he picked up a loose ball and hammered a shot at goal. Reg Morten rescued with a good save.

Steve Aldridge had another fine game, and Jim Williams was a threat to Croydon, despite the dark marking of full back Jimmy Spink.

Dave Broghan was again in top form for Croydon, and Slavia's Jim Train was a useful player.

Croydon again included Mike Sinclair in midfield. It's obvious Croydon intends to be a tighter defensive team than it was last season. Sinclair, normally a back four player, gives the Croydon midfield two defensive players.

Duncan Smith is the other destroyer.

However, this tactic should not hinder Croydon. Broghan attacks well from midfield, and with Joe Trout and Pat Lowrey roaming the forward line, Croydon has enough creativeness to score goals.

Slavia stuck to the same basic team which brought considerable success in the Ampol Cup and has progressed to the Dockety Cup semi-finals.

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY
GREEN GULLY AJAX v ALTONA CITY (Green Gully Reserve)
PRAHRAN SLAVIA v ST KILDA HAKOAH (Showgrounds, Ascot Vale)

SUNDAY
SUNSHINE CITY v JUVENTUS (Chaplin Reserve)
PRESTON MACEDONIA v CROYDON CITY (B. J. Connor Res., Reservoir)
FRANKSTON CITY v ALBION LEYLAND (Centenary Park, N. Frankston)
ESSENDON-CROATIA v GEORGE CROSS (Olympic Park)

Votes for the 'Soccer Action' State League player of the year award:

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| ALTONA v SUNSHINE | ALBION v CROATIA |
| 3 Whyte (A) | 3 Nisbet (A) |
| 2 D. Nelson (S) | 2 Gatt (A) |
| 1 Lewis (A) | 1 Adams (C) |
| CROYDON v SLAVIA | AJAX v HAKOAH |
| 3 Broghan (C) | 3 Klarin (A) |
| 2 Aldridge (S) | 2 Gadsby (H) |
| 1 Train (S) | 1 Loh (H) |
| MAKEDONIA v GEORGE CROSS | JUVENTUS v FRANKSTON |
| 3 Faulkner (M) | 3 Symington (J) |
| 2 Matson (C) | 2 Peters (F) |
| 1 McMillan (M) | 1 Adams (F) |

ALBION 1 CROATIA 0

Scorer: McNeill (A) 75th
Ground: Selwyn Park, Sunshine
Crowd: 1500
Weather: overcast

Referee: D. Yelland
ESSENDON CROATIA: Blasby, Smart, Coto, Kokoska, Blavier, Adams, Murphy, Short, Cumming, Gilder, Court.

ALBION ROVERS: Johnson, McNeill, Blair, Work, Blair, Gatt, Greenan, McCormack, Denham, McNeill, McIntyre injured (27th min).

The strategy of coach Bill McArthur worked perfectly as Albion Rovers caused a major shock in downing 1978 State League champion Essendon Croatia.

McArthur based Albion's game totally on defence and set out a team well-drilled for his task.

He switched Bobby Nisbet, a cool and footed full back into the sweeper position to cover the dual centre back combination of Steven Blair and Alex Work.

Work and Blair are both strong and tall players, with outstanding defensive qualities. Flanking these three players were youngster Tony Gatt, in his first season in the State League, and another newcomer, Frank McNeill. McNeill made his debut for Albion in the Ampol Cup as a bulldozing forward. Switched to full back, he adapted well, and kept a tight reign on Branko Kulina.

The full back's heavy knock early from McLeod, which put him out of the game.

Young Gatt was given the difficult task of marking speedy winger Tommy Cumming. Cumming is a dangerous player, but rarely escaped Gatt. Gatt never gave in, and kept at Cumming all the time.

Aiding this five-man defence was Bill McCormack, who was pulled back into midfield because of his massive frame, which would help negate Croatia. The hard-working Kif Greenan and the experienced Billy McIntyre also played in midfield.

Up front, McArthur played two fast, elusive players. Scottish import Alastair Denham is a classy player, and teamed up with the persistent Dave McNeill in the forward line.

Albion had no intention of forcing the pace, and sat back, content to defend. Croatia had to attack and try and break down the Albion resguard.

Croatia had many excellent chances to score, but once past the five-man blockade, had to beat Billy Johnson in goals, whose been in fine form of late. Johnson made several good saves, but on other occasions, it was the poor finishing of Essendon players which saw moves come to nothing.

Tommy Cumming had an excellent chance, beating two players before rounding Johnson. Faced with an open goal, he hit a weak shot, which allowed McLeod to clear off the line.

Croatia attacked and attacked, but to no avail. The second half saw Essendon still unable to break through.

The frustration was too much, and the defence of Croatia pushed up more and more, which is how Albion hoped the game would go.

Sure enough, with Croatia exposed in defence, Albion broke. Denham gave a great ball to McNeill, who slammed home from inside the area.

It was a smash and grab goal by Albion. Straight away the team retreated, with its mission accomplished, to defend for the rest of the game.

Best for Croatia were Keith Adams and Steve Short while sweeper Bobby Nisbet was in-maculate for Albion. He was aided by Blair and Greenan.

JUVENTUS 1 FRANKSTON 2

Scorers: Frankston - Webster 15th, McCluskey 85th. Juventus - McGuinness 70th.

Ground: Olympic Park, Richmond
Crowd: 200
Weather: Overcast
Referee: C. Barbridge

JUVENTUS: Graham, Sabidini, Vaughan, Symington, Tarquinio, Smith, Bonatoni, C. Lucchesi, Gillen, McGuinness, J. Lucchesi (Carole 73rd min).

FRANKSTON CITY: Petersen, V. Bannon, Adams, McCluskey, Porrost, Webster, G. Bannon, Young, Mitten, Swincoe, Coulson (Campbell 80th min).

Frankston City has done it again! It might start to sound boring, but the Bayside club played badly, yet still managed to win.

For the past three weeks it's been the same story with Frankston. Sunshine City outplayed Frankston and led 3-2 with three minutes to play, but Frankston won 4-3.

Croydon City looked home and holed against Frankston, but was pipped by an equaliser, then a last minute goal.

And poor Juventus, which is on the road to recovery, did far better than Frankston but lost 1-2 with the winning goal coming five minutes from time.

Frankston's play of getting late goals is one habit coach Freddy Bunc is hoping the side can develop.

In all three instances, it's been the appearance of Norrie Campbell which has proceeded the late surge. Campbell has come on as a substitute in Frankston's last three games when the situation looked grim, but somehow brought a change over the Frankston team.

Juventus must be extremely bitter about the team's loss, especially when several Frankston officials decided it was probably the side's worst performance this season.

Juventus had the chances, but was thwarted by excellent goalkeeping from Frank Petersen and the forwards' inability to finish off moves.

Keith Webster put Frankston into the lead when he latched onto a defensive clearance by Juventus from a corner, and whacked the ball into the net.

Juventus pushed forward constantly but had to wait until the 70th minute when Bobby McGuinness made it 1-1.

Then came the late winner from defender Danny McCluskey. McCluskey, who performed much better than in previous weeks, was on hand to hit the ball home on the far post after a corner kick had been flicked on from the near post.

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MAKEDONIA 2 GEO. CROSS 1

Scorers: Makedonia-McMillan 33rd, Ward 48th, George Cross 8 Mizzl 60th.

Ground: B.T. Connor Reserve, Preston.
Crowd: 2000
Weather: Overcast.
Referee: Venios Teano

PRESTON MACEDONIA: Kastner, Rainey, Garthwaite, Higham, Beech, Faulkner, Flevelo, Petrovski, McMillan, Cullen, Ward.

GEORGE CROSS: Matson, Cutajar (Mizaud 67th min), Hooper, Malsdon, Barron, Wilkinson, Mirak, Castelleo, Mizzl, Papacou (Scicluna 60th min), Thom.

Striker Jeff Faulkner looks to have solved Preston Macedonia's midfield problem.

Faulkner was switched to midfield to make room for new recruit Gary Ward, who earned a place after two goals in his first match for the club against Hakoah last week.

Ward played in Faulkner's place on the wing, and scored a goal, his third in two games. Ward's inclusion had an extra dividend, as Faulkner shone in midfield, being named man of the match.

Being named man of the match has extra significance at Preston following a sponsorship by the Sina Restaurant.

The restaurant, at 437 High St., Northcote, will make available a dinner for two for Makedonia's best player each week.

Faulkner is the first player to win the award. His display was stamped with class, as he beat men in the midfield, and gave excellent service to the front runners.

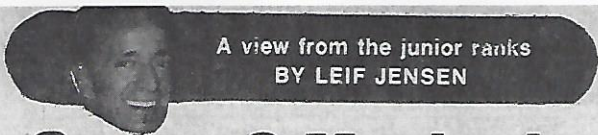
Faulkner is a superbly balanced player, and is quick to spot an opening. It's likely he will remain in midfield. Makedonia manager/coach Tony Vrzina has no other recognised midfielders in his squad and has been using former full back Ljube Petrovski and centre half Gordon Flevelo to make up his midfield.

Inspired by Faulkner, Makedonia turned on a brilliant first half performance. If the team had gone in at half time four goal up, justice would have been done.

Instead, Preston led only 1-0 after a headed goal by George McMillan following a cross by Flevelo.

Goalkeeper Svez Matson had a brilliant game. He astounded George Cross fans and had Makedonia fans groaning in dismay. Repeatedly he denied the rampaging Makedonia strikers, and covered himself in glory.

Makedonia's second goal came after McMillan crossed to Ward, who had the easy task of hitting the ball home.



A view from the junior ranks
BY LEIF JENSEN

Soccer? Maybe in the death notices

So the soccer season is starting again ... or is it? Do you really know what date it kicks off? Do you know who is playing who in the first round? Do you know where they are playing? If you are anything like me you sometimes wonder **WHAT** they are playing.

Once again we are facing the job of searching the pages of daily newspapers, of course we know that when looking for anything to do with SOCCER, it could easily be found under the heading of "lost property" or "Births and deaths." The only place you can be sure NOT to find it will be amongst the footy results or fixtures, or a big glossy picture of Ron Barassi's left ankle where a spectator kicked him after his side lost their game ... big fizz!

And the job of following SOCCER becomes even harder once the games have started (that is unless you can wait until Monday morning for the results). I have no doubt that the results are broadcast on Saturday and Sunday nights, but do you know what stations or T.V. channels? ... I don't.

My job, just in case you don't know, is what you call "mobile headshrinker." I meet on the average 20 to 30 different people, from all walks of life, every day. I hate to think of every Friday from now on because invariably the conversation on Friday's goes like this: "How are you going mate, who is gonna win tomorrow pal?" and when I answer in a "put on English accent, 'Hellas of course', they look at me stupid with a 'Who the b... are they. Hellas never heard of them mate' ... so there!

REGIONAL FIXTURES

Victorian Regional Game fixtures, Saturday 28th April: Northern v Dandenong 10 am, Peninsula v Central 11.10 am, Ballarat v Western 12.20 pm, Western v Central 1.30 pm, Ballarat v Peninsula 2.40 pm, Geelong v Dandenong 3.50 pm.
U/13 Wonga Reserve, Wonga Rd, Ringwood. U/14 Dinday Park, Brighton. U/15 Beachley Reserve, Ardoyne Street, Sunshine.
Sunday 29th April: Peninsula v Western 10am, Central v Ballarat 11.10am, Geelong

v Northern 12.20pm, Central v Dandenong 1.30pm, Peninsula v Geelong 2.40pm, Western v Northern 3.50pm.
U/13 Carlson Reserve, Clayton Rd, Nth Clayton. U/14 Spring Street, Sandringham. U/15 Green Gully Reserve, Keilor Road, St Albans.

Saturday 5th May: Northern v Peninsula 10am, Ballarat v Dandenong 11.10am, Central v Geelong 12.20pm, Western v Dandenong

At the same time they move as far away from me as possible, I even had one fellow who asked me to stop so that he could get in the back-seat. With a funny look on his face he said: "That's that funny puffs game isn't it?"

So what do I do now? Well I am not stupid (and no correspondence is wanted in regard to this statement) so my answer from now is: "Mate I reckon the Maggies will kill the Bombers, no risk," keeping my fingers crossed that I have said the right thing.

What I am getting at with all this is WHEN ARE WE GOING TO WAKE UP TO THE FACT THAT THE PROMOTION OF SOCCER STINKS. I will not accept that we can't do anything about it. I have hundreds of ideas which will get Soccer into the newspapers, but every time one of these ideas is brought up I am told that it has nothing to do with soccer or that it is degrading to the "royal" game.

I can't think of anything more degrading that a State League game being played in front of two old ladies and their dog, and I will bet you the dog didn't even pay to get in. I could go on and on about this, but you will have to wait until next week. Until then I reckon North will win on Saturday ... so there!

The inevitable transfer bottleneck at the start of the season has been penalising junior players in Victoria for long enough.

Every year, "passport updates and transfers are held up because of the large volume of work involved as the junior seasons kick off in Victoria.

The same situation, presumably, applies in other States.

It is all very well saying that passport updates should be taken care of by the clubs concerned before the Christmas break.

However, club secretaries, committees and coaches change during that break. The outgoing people will not involve themselves in inconvenient trips back and forth from Soccer House if they are not sure of holding their positions the following season.

Allow me to put forward a scheme that would cut out a lot of the disappointment which young players are at present expected to endure, while they wait for their passports to be processed.

At present, two passport photos are required by Soccer House for any passport update or for any passport change necessitated by a junior transfer.

I suggest that the club concerned bring in a third passport photo which

is stamped on the back with the official VSF stamp, and onto which a registration number is written.

The boy can then play that weekend upon production of the stamped photo, and he can continue using that photo for identification until his passport is processed by Soccer House.

I appreciate that there has been fear of cheating in the past. This suggested scheme removes such a possibility, and adoption of the scheme would show to one and all that the VSF really is sensitive to the feelings of small boys who, after all, know nothing about bureaucracy. All they want to do is have a kick. — LAURIE SCHWAB

HONOR FOR HAT-TRICK HEROES

The "Soccer Action" Hat-Trick Diploma is available to any junior player who scores three or more goals in any league, Cup or official school match. Friendly matches do not count.

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3. The team against which he scored the goals.
4. Date of the game.

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The boys' will also appear in our list of "Hat-Trick Heroes" published every week.

This week's Hat-Trick Heroes are:

Ian Rapassanis 11, four

goals (Dingley); George Nicholas 11, four goals, Deno Mitaikas 11, four goals (Clarinda); Anthony Aleo, 11, Mark Shottle, 12 (Dandenong C); Paul Stavridis, 10 Tony Mavromatis, 10 (Bundoora); Roger Carruth, 11 (North Dandenong); Scott Apps, 9 Jim Christou, 12 (East Bentleigh); Darren Cooper, 12 (South Yarra); Robert Tomblato, 12, Michael Grimaldi, 12, four goals (St Mark's); Ivano Zanin, 12, four goals (Bell Park); Theo Mitsou, 12, five goals (Clara)

rinda); Stevo Gaspirini, 11, five goals (Bell Park); Con Stefanidis, 11 (West United).

Axeman Gelei

In a broadcast over the Hungarian programme of Radio 2EA in Sydney last Saturday, St. George coach Joe Gelei was quoted as threatening to drop six of his players into the reserves if the Saints lost against Maroon.

Now that the much-feared defeat has occurred, the Saints fans will be looking forward with great curiosity to this week's lineup, to see if the Hungarian coach will make good his threat.

One man who did not see Gelei's charges slump to yet another defeat last Sunday was St. George Club president Alex Pongrass.

He was spotted in the crowd at Wentworth Park!

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McMILLAN: 'I DON'T WANT TO PLAY PSL'

By KYLE PATTERSON

Preston Makedonia striker George McMillan earned a reputation of being a kamikaze soccer player last season. Few players in Australia challenge for the ball with the same fervour and commitment as this tough Scot.

McMillan has lost none of his fire and aggression this season, but has added a subtle edge to his game which has made him stand out as one of the 'class' players in the Victorian State League.

McMillan is an enigma among soccer players. Every week he runs his heart out, doing the work of two men and receiving plenty of punishment. Yet big George doesn't believe in physiotherapy and prefers to treat his own injuries.

He refuses to accept anything but the best from himself. Last season McMillan won Makedonia's best and fairest, was the club's top goalscorer, was equal second top goalscorer in the State League and finished in the top five in the Rothmans Medal count. But he wasn't joking when he told people he didn't have a good season! McMillan is a very conscientious player.

George realises the batterings he takes from defenders are part of the game.

"I like to be involved in the game," he said, "and being a forward I'll always get a hard time from defenders. I don't like a game to get dirty and violent, but I'll always give back to the defenders what they dish out. If there is a 50-50 ball the defender will know I mean business."

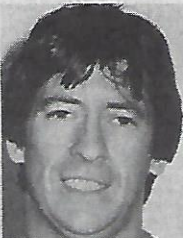
"I'm not really a centre forward like Jamie Paton of Slavia. I'm more of a worker. It doesn't worry me to get kicked, but I get upset if I see team mates not putting in effort. If I'm working for my team mates they should be working for me."

Another problem George faces nearly every game is keeping cool. Niggling ankle taps and bone-shattering fouls have a tendency to make a player go wild and retaliate.

"It's hard to keep cool in that situation," said George, "but these days I can stay in control. When Makedonia played Croydon City earlier this season, Steve McCombe was handing out some rough stuff. I was pleased I didn't lose my temper, although I did explode once. But he was sent off in the end."

Although McMillan has never had a serious injury from soccer, he picks up knocks and strains all the time. His self-treatment process involves a lot of mind over matter.

"Unless you have a serious injury, like a damaged cart-



George McMillan

ilage or something like that, you should keep training. Even if I can't keep up with the other players, I'll still get out on the training track with an injury.

"Pulled muscles need stretching to get them right, while bruises aren't much trouble."

McMillan puts his improvement this season down to his team mates.

"Makedonia has a better team than we did last season," said George. "With players like Robert Cullen and Jeff Faulkner around me I look good. We have some really good players at Preston, and we are enjoying our soccer at the moment."

"Last season Essendon Croatia was the best side in the league. But this season Makedonia has the edge and we are a good chance for the championship."

With McMillan firing, Preston has a great chance. I admired George last season for his persistence and courage, but there's no doubt he's a much better player now. The secret seems to be that he is slowing himself down when he gets possession of the ball. Instead of trying to crash his way through, he can now steady himself, then dribble past his opponent. Every game has seen George produce something extra and he looks set for a great season.

Makedonia manager/coach Tony Vrzina has nothing but praise for McMillan. It's no secret Vrzina intends to build his team around McMillan.

"George has a very positive attitude now," said Vrzina. "He's confident he can beat any defender in the State League. Sometimes that's a disadvantage, because George always wants to start even with an opponent, then take him on. I'm trying to get him to be more mobile when the ball is not near him. He will then be harder to pick up and will surprise his opponents."

"At training, no-one works harder than George. He's

always encouraging his team mates to give extra, and always sets an example.

"His temperament is a problem. Defenders try to upset him and George must try to ignore these players. He should laugh at them, and show them by scoring a goal."

McMillan was born in Edinburgh, Scotland on October 27, 1952.

At schoolboy level he achieved success, representing Edinburgh schools at primary and secondary levels.

Later McMillan reached the last 26 of the Scottish schoolboys team. Unfortunately for George, he didn't make the final squad of 16 but was happy to have been selected in the 26.

He had trials with East Fife but didn't get anywhere. It was around this time McMillan made an important discovery.

"I used to be a soft player," he said, "but when I was about 18, I was playing for a local team. A 50-50 tackle was on and I made up my mind to go as hard as I could. I didn't feel a thing and I came out with the ball. From then on I was never afraid to go in hard."

McMillan has played as a forward for most of his career but when in his late teens, he switched to centre half for a while.

"That gave me a chance to hand it out to forwards," he laughed.

In 1973 Malcolm Brown, the coach of Azzurri Perth, was in Scotland to look for players. He offered George the chance to go 'Down Under' and McMillan jumped at the opportunity.

Azzurri was a top team in Western Australian soccer, and McMillan collected a fair few medals. But most rewarding for the striker was his representative games for the State.

McMillan played 25 times for WA, including games against class touring teams, Glasgow Rangers, Manchester Utd, Spurs, Sunderland, Dundee and Middlesbrough.

McMillan also made tours of Indonesia with the WA Satats teams.

"When I was given the chance to play against the likes of Rangers and Manchester Utd, I knew I had made the right move in coming to Australia," said George.

McMillan's most memorable game was against Rangers.

"I scored the winning goal in a 2-1 win," he said proudly. "It wasn't a diffi-



Makedonia's tough striker George McMillan (left) rides a tackle by South Melbourne left back Tony Turner in a practice match.

cult goal, but it gave me a lot of satisfaction."

McMillan completed a unique double last season when he played for Victoria against Dundee. I wonder if any other player has represented two States against the same touring team.

At club level, Azzurri had as coach for two years Duncan McKay, who later coached Essendon Croatia and the Victorian State team. Of course, McKay is a former star player with Croatia.

But McMillan came to the end of the road in Perth. He had achieved considerable success in the State, and wanted to move on to better things.

"Without being big-headed," said George, "I was at the top in Perth and had nowhere else to go. I wanted to improve myself but that wasn't possible in WA."

Luck was with George because Frank Burin, manager of Essendon Croatia, offered him the chance to move to Melbourne.

"I didn't think twice about the offer," said George.

While in Perth Burin also signed Alan Kerr, the captain and midfield strongman of Essendon Croatia last season.

Kerr, who was with Second Division club Croatia Perth at the time, is currently on the sidelines after a knee operation.

McMillan was in for a shock when he started his career in Victorian soccer. He left Perth in search of better soccer but found the Victorian State League wasn't as good as the WA First Division.

"There are a lot of good players in Perth," he said. However, since first sampling Victorian soccer in 1977, McMillan said the standard has improved.

"The introduction of the Phillips League robbed the State League of good standard soccer," said George, "but now the soccer is getting better all the time."

McMillan played half a season in 1977 with Essendon Croatia, which was coached by Duncan McKay. McMillan kept up his link with McKay when in 1978 the pair teamed up in the Victorian team to meet Dundee.

McMillan came to Victoria on a loan agreement. It was this which caused him to leave Essendon for Preston.

"Azzurri wanted a fairly big fee for my release," he said. "Croatia didn't want to pay it, so Makedonia stepped in."

"Makedonia has been very good to me, and I want to repay the club by winning a trophy this season."

I put to McMillan the question asked of most of the top players in the State League: Would you like to play in the Phillips League? George's reply was not what I expected.

"I'm not too keen to get

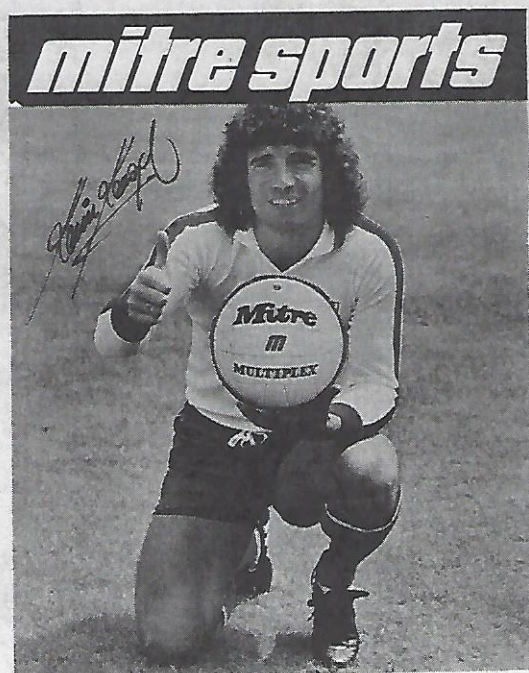
into the national league," he said. "It's more professional, but the travelling would get me down. If Makedonia got into the league I'd go with the club, but I don't know how

long I could take it. One season would probably be enough."

Strange, but George McMillan's idea of success isn't the same as most players. The national league may

be glamorous but to George, success is being satisfied with the way he's playing.

And with the self-critical McMillan setting high standards for himself, he's got plenty to aim at.



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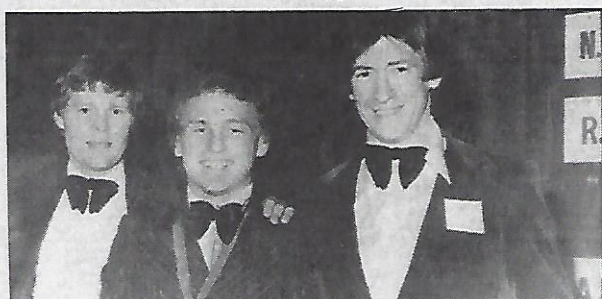
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McMillan (right) at the 1978 Rothmans Medal dinner with medal winner Tommy Cumming (centre) and former winner David Baker (left).

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NSW State League

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Avala 2 (A. Griffith, Djuricic) Arncliffe 0 at Hurstville. Crowd: 574.	
Granville 2 (Fraser, Morrow) Monaro 1 (Valeri) at Garraide Park. Crowd: 258.	
Auburn 5 (Leake 2, Montgomery 2, Kable) Marrickville Olympic 2 (Balafas, Ramiach) at Mona Park. Crowd: 446.	
Melita Eagles 3 (Allen 2, Farrugia) Manly 0 at Cromer Park. Crowd: 1232.	
Croatia 3 (Savor 2, Kovacic) Toongabbie 1 (Fisher) at Toongabbie. Crowd: 256.	
Ku-ring-gal 1 (Thompson 0.g.) Bankstown 0 at the Soccer Centre.	
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Manly	1 1 2 4 6 3
Marrickville Olympic	1 1 2 5 8 3
Monaro	- 2 2 6 8 2
Avala	1 - 2 3 6 2
Arncliffe	1 - 2 2 5 2
Yugal	- - 3 1 10 0

Three magic goals enabled premiers Sydney Croatia to beat Toongabbie 3-1 in the State League match at the Gabbie Stadium.

Croatia had far too much experience for their opponents. Their first goal came in the 16th minute.

Maurice Sullivan squared the ball to Attila Abonyi to send a through ball to Curly Kovacic.

With the defence homing in on him, Kovacic blasted the ball high into the net.

Sixteen minutes later Wally Savor started a move in midfield. He evaded several tackles before being hit by Peter Cuk.

The ball rebounded into the penalty area and Savor nipped in to crack it home.

Croatia's final goal came in the 85th minute.

Goalkeeper James fluted Abonyi's corner to Savor, who from 20 metres, lobbed the ball into an empty goal.

Fisher scored a consolation goal for Toongabbie in the dying stages of the game.

Auburn completely outclassed Marrickville Olympic to storm home worthy 5-2 victors at Mona Park.

For most of the first half, Auburn had the best of the play and they too the lead in the 21st minute when Marrickville defender Steve Kable put the ball into his own net while attempting to clear.

Almost immediately, Marrickville were back on terms when Peter Balafas collected a loose ball following a scramble in the goal area and cracked it home.

It took Auburn only six more minutes to go back into the lead. John McDonald made a good run down the right wing and gave a square pass to Stephen Montgomery who scored with a great 20-metre drive.

They went further ahead in the 38th minute with Stephen Leake headed home with Marrickville keeper Wayne Evans failing to clear a cross ball.

Leake scored his second goal in the 76th minute from 10 metres following skilful play by Willie Hamilton.

Hamilton was also responsible for Montgomery notching his second goal with a shot from eight metres.

In the 88th minute Josef Ramiach scored a consolation for Marrickville from close in, following a defensive mix-up by Auburn.

Goals in the seventh and seventeenth minutes gave Avala a well deserved 2-0 win over Arncliffe Scots at Hurstville Oval.

Both goals came direct from corner kicks. Alan Griffith scored the first when he curled his shot inside the near upright.

Goalkeeper Norm Rodgers made a great effort to save it but could only help it on its way.

Zoran Djuricic scored the second, the goalkeeper failing to hold the swerving ball.

Avala was superior in midfield with Djuricic outstanding. Their attack always looked dangerous but was inclined to be over-eager.

Arncliffe, who struggled last year against relegation, gave a generally disappointing display and will have to improve if they are not to be haunted again by demotion fears.

Sutherland cantered to a 5-0 victory over Yugal, highlighted by a second half hat-trick by John Stoddart in the clash at Seymour Shaw Park.

The win keeps Sutherland at the top of the State League table. Yugal offered little resistance to the pace and teamwork of the youthful Sutherland side and spent most of their time doggedly defending.

Craig Hall opened the scoring in the fifth minute when he blas-

ted home a drive from 20 metres after quickly moving onto a loose ball.

Four minutes later Jim Basterfield, who did not put a foot wrong all day, added the second following some dazzling footwork 10 metres from the goal line.

For the remainder of the first half and most of the second half, the game fell into the doldrums.

Passes from both sides continually went astray and as Sutherland appeared content with their lead they played without aggression and method.

Seven minutes after the interval Stoddart exhibited his skills to score the first of his three goals.

Four minutes later he scored again with a brilliant first-time drive from the edge of the penalty area and he completed his hat-trick in the dying seconds with a superb solo effort.

Sutherland need to maintain their rhythm and method against stronger teams if they are to stay at the top of the table.

Yugal desperately need forwards who can score goals as they give the impression that they will remain at the bottom of the table with the team as it is at present.

An own-goal by fullback Paul Thompson enabled Ku-ring-gal to defeat Bankstown 1-0 at the Soccer Centre.

Ku-ring-gal dominated the play in the first half, with former St George forward Jim Herson playing havoc up front.

In defence veteran centre back Frank Malone had everything under control.

Bankstown sadly missed central striker Dennis Daley, who was out through leg injury.

Ku-ring-gal's goal came in the 22nd minute when overlapping fullback Gary Birchall received a flick pass from Herson and sent a low cross into the Bankstown goalmouth where Thompson kicked the ball into his own goal.

Three minutes later Bankstown keeper Terry Greedy had to make a spectacular save from a shot by Herson.

The second half was Bankstown's but they could not score. In the 47th minute Alan Brian's header was kicked off the line by fullback Ron Goske.

They could have levelled the score in the 72nd minute when they were awarded a penalty by referee Brian Fowler but Shayne Wilson's kick was saved by Steve Ellis.

A methodical Melita Eagles crushed Manly 3-0 at Cromer Park.

A determined first half from Manly saw them go in at half time on level terms through solid defence from Bruce Doyle and John Dick and a skilful display in the midfield from David Jack.

Giving nothing away, Melita was solid all round and made good use of the ball. In particular, Steve McDonald and Richard Yarnish made room at the back to start numerous attacking raids.

It was after the interval that the dangerous Melita forwards' superiority showed through.

A free kick from Joe Farrugia was beautifully headed home by Don Allen in the 58th minute and the writing was on the wall for Manly.

Just three minutes later, the same combination saw Allen on the far post head in the second goal from a corner kick.

It was a just reward for a team who refused to be rushed and played attractive football.

Many were under constant pressure and when Bobby McPherson was brought down in the penalty box Ray Farrugia scored from the spot kick to give Melita their third goal.

Monaro beat the truckies' blockade but not Granville's to go down 2-1 at Garraide Park.

In a game marked by fouls, referee Owen Pritchard issued five cautions and ordered two penalties.

In the first half the fast-moving Monaro forwards constantly split the Magpies defence.

Just on half-time, Monaro Keeper Laurie Palec brought down Graham Barron in the box and Billy Fraser scored from the spot.

Granville corner was partly cleared by Monaro fullback Aldo Charles. Tom Morrow moved to the ball and slid it under Palec to put the home team ahead.

Walter Valeri scored Monaro's goal after John Forwood had pushed Sebastian Giampaolo in the back and the referee awarded the second penalty of the match.

AJAX'S KROL LINKED WITH ARSENAL

Rudi Krol, Holland's World Cup star, has admitted he has had talks with Arsenal. Ajax is reported to want 400,000 pounds for the 29-year-old Krol, who has been 13 years with Ajax. Johan Neeskens' name has also been linked with Arsenal.

★ ★ ★

Notts Forest manager Brian Clough has indicated he is interested in Zurich Grasshoppers ace striker **Claudio Sulser**. Sulser scored 11 goals in this year's European Cup, more than any other player in any other European competition.

★ ★ ★
Martin Chivers has moved from Norwich to Brighton for a token 15,000 pounds fee but subject to a medical.

★ ★ ★
Celtic is interested in Motherwell's striker **Willie Pottigree** and his teammate, central defender **Gregor Stevens**, with a double price tag of 300,000 pounds.

★ ★ ★
East German soccer international **Lutz Elgendorf** has applied for political asylum in West Germany. He played for his Dynamo side in West Germany recently and disappeared from his colleagues after the match.

★ ★ ★
Contrary to rumors, **Sir Alf Ramsey** won't be accepting a 50,000 pounds a year post in Kuwait. He has reassured Gola, the sports-wear company of which he is a director, that he is not joining the camel train to the Middle East.

★ ★ ★
Notts Forest's new grandstand which is reported to be costing 2½ million pounds is expected to get under way in the summer and be ready sometime next season.



Rudi Krol

★ ★ ★
Oswaldo Ardiles, Spurs' Argentine star, has been axed from his national side, as has **Alberto Tarantini** (Birmingham) and **Mario Kempes**, playing in Spain. **Cesar Menotti** has ignored all but his home-based players in his squad to tour Europe in May and June.

★ ★ ★
Charlie George, the former St George guest player, had his first outing with Southampton five months after his transfer from Derby when he took the field in the FA Cup game against Arsenal. George cost Southampton 400,000 pounds.

★ ★ ★
Kenny Dalglish has scored 50 goals for Liverpool in 101 games since his 400,000 pounds transfer from Celtic just over 18 months ago.

★ ★ ★
Part-time Malmoe, the Swedish side which trounced Wisla Krakow in the European Cup, is coached by a little-known Englishman, **Bob Houghton**.

★ ★ ★
Tony Book and **Malcolm Allison** have added troubles with their misfiring Manchester City. English international winger **Peter Barnes** and Scottish international striker **Asa Hart-**

ford are both dissatisfied at Maine Road.

★ ★ ★
Dave Sexton, the Manchester United manager, says he is still to some extent living in the shadow of **Tommy Docherty** at Old Trafford. Sexton pays the Doc a tribute by saying he is the most relaxed man in soccer.

★ ★ ★
Barcelona is chasing **Bobby Robson** of Ipswich as its manager and a 500,000 pounds contract has been mentioned. Should the Spanish club fall in its bid for Robson, then **Lawrie McMenemy** (Southampton), **Ron Atkinson** (West Brom) and **Dave Sexton** (Man. Utd) could be next in line.

★ ★ ★
Argentine side River Plate is hoping to entice international **Alberto Tarantini** back home if Birmingham is relegated. Tarantini, who joined the Midlands side from Boca Juniors for 250,000 pounds, is happy in England but manager **Jim Smith** says he won't be going anywhere without permission.

★ ★ ★
Trevor Booking the West Ham and England star, sustained a strained ankle in the recent game against Newcastle and will be out for at least a month and miss the busy Easter programme.

★ ★ ★
Despite being earmarked for relegation, Chelsea is likely to retain the services of **Danny Blanchflower** as manager and offer him a four-year contract.

First-round draw for the finals of the world youth championship for the Coca-Cola Cup in Japan in August:

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28.8.79		Omiya Yugoslavia v. Argentina Indonesia v. Poland		Hiroshima Hungary v. Uruguay Guinea v. USSR
29.8.79	Mitsuzawa Japan v. Mexico Spain v. Algeria		Kobe Canada v. Paraguay Portugal v. Korea Rep.	
30.8.79		Omiya Poland v. Argentina Yugoslavia v. Indonesia		Hiroshima USSR v. Uruguay Hungary v. Guinea

Brazil to ignore World Cup men

ONLY five of the players who figured in Brazil's World Cup side in Argentina are likely to be called up at the end of this month when **Claudio Coutinho** names a squad of 17 for a friendly with Paraguay in Maracana.

Coutinho will base the team on four players from Flamengo, whom he is still successfully coaching, and the probable team is: **Leao** (Vasco) — **Totinho** (Flamengo), **Oscar** (Ponte Preta), **Amarel** (Corinthians), **Junior** (Flamengo) — **Paulo Cesar** (Carapigiani, Flamengo), **Falcão** (Internacional), **Zico** (Flamengo) — **Nilton Batata** (Santos), **Serginho** (Sao Paulo), **Eder** (Gremio).

There are some doubts about the left back and right winger, but Coutinho has hinted that they could be **Junior** and **Nilton Batata**.

As reserves he'll probably name

goalkeeper **Carlos** (Ponte Preta), left back **Miranda** (Guarani), midfielder **Batista** (Internacional), and perhaps **Joaquim** (Cruzeiro), **Edinho** (Fluminense), **Cerezo** (Atletico Mineiro), **Nunes** (Fluminense) or **Adilio** (Flamengo).

Brazil will play a friendly every month from now on. Coach Coutinho will leave his club Flamengo next year to concentrate all his efforts on the national team.

Olympics

HOLLAND — Belgium beat Holland 2-1 in an Olympic Group three qualifying soccer match.

Half-time: 1-1.
Scorers: Holland: **Hakkens** (25), Belgium: **Hoste** (13th and 82nd minutes).



Sammy Nelson

NELSON FINED \$740

LONDON. — Arsenal has fined its Northern Ireland international fullback, **Sammy Nelson**, two weeks' wages and suspended him from the next two games after his bizarre shorts-dropping incident against Coventry at Highbury.

Nelson, having equalised for Arsenal after earlier putting an own goal into his net, ran behind the Coventry goal, turned his back on the north end of the Arsenal ground and pulled down his shorts. This apparently was in retaliation to the section of home backers who heckled him for his earlier mistake.

Arsenal's disciplinary action means that Nelson, who already missed Saturday's league match at Liverpool having last week incurred a one-match disciplinary ban for accumulating 20 penalty points, will lose about 400 sterling (740 Aust dollars) in wages and will also miss the upcoming match against Tottenham this week.

Arsenal manager, **Terry Neill**, said after the club's decision: "The feeling of myself and the club on the matter can be gauged by the speed with which we have acted and the severity of our action."

"I have had a long talk with Sammy about the incident and, although he doesn't want to say anything about it, I'm sure he now realises what he did was wrong."

Match referee, **Clive Thomas**, said after the game that if he had seen the "shorts-dropping" incident he would have sent the player off.

GREENHOFF SENDS UTD. TO WEMBLEY



Jimmy Greenhoff

LONDON — Manchester United has earned the right to meet Arsenal in the FA Cup final at Wembley on May 12 by defeating Liverpool 1-0 in their semi-final replay at Goodison Park.

A **Jimmy Greenhoff** goal after 78 minutes from a cross by **Mickey Thomas** took Dave Sexton's side through to what promises to be a classic final.

Liverpool, which had been chasing the League championship and FA Cup double, is now left to concentrate on its run to a likely championship success.

United, which beat Liverpool in the FA Cup final two years ago, made most of the early running and England goalkeeper **Ray Clemence** kept the Merseysiders in the game with some fine saves.

Liverpool took charge after half-time but Greenhoff's goal stunned the 53,000 home town supporters and finished its Cup hopes.

In the 2-2 draw at Manchester the previous Saturday, Liverpool equalised eight minutes from time through defender **Alan Hansen** but could not repeat the effort in the replay.

United will be making its third Cup final trip to Wembley in four years.

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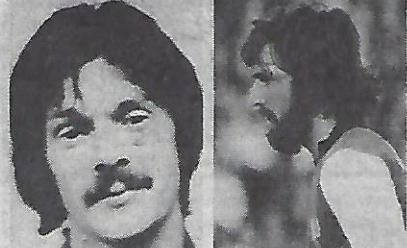
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GEORGE CRAIG JOHN WEBB

Austria gets Webb, Craig

Victorian Second Division club Kellor Austria has signed two top State League players.

They are John Webb from George Cross and George Craig from Hakoah.

Webb's transfer fee was \$1,500 a figure set by the Victorian Soccer Federation Appeals Board, and Craig's fee \$2,000.

Austria may also sign former Albion Rovers player Frank Campbell.

However, there is a problem with Campbell, as Albion still owes Preston Makedonia money from the player's transfer, which took place last season.

Campbell is arguing that he is on a free transfer after his contract was broken, and Albion may seek legal advice on the situation.

Austria was relegated from the First Division last season, but has spent large amounts rebuilding its squad for an immediate return to the higher division.

FIRST DIVISION

DOVETON 0 MORELAND 2 (Kent, Ferretter).

Moreland: Debeljic, Kelly, Duncan, Thompson, Appleyard, Deaming (Marshall 80th), Katz, Cole, Thurlow, Ferretter, Kent.

Doveton: Ivanoff, Sweeney, Lander, Bray, Kingsley, Bentley, Rodrick, Fakes, Irvine, McMilline, Jordan (Sparks 75th).

Strengthened further by mid-fielder Paul Deaming, bought for about \$1000 from George Cross, Moreland is set to maintain its fine form when it meets Collingwood at home on Saturday.

To mark Moreland's first home game in the First Division for about 12 years, the club has invited the mayor and other VIPs.

Their host will be Moreland's go-ahead president Terry Callaghan.

Moreland's game against Doveton was the first played at Doveton's new ground and was watched by a large crowd.

Goal for Doveton was defender John Bray and striker Steve Irvine. Former Frankston player Ken Fakes did the honors for Doveton.

Doveton was unlucky in the first half but paid dearly for a mistake by goalkeeper Lou Ivanoff that allowed former Albion and Waverley striker Bobby Kent to put Moreland into the lead.

Ian Ferretter scored the second goal.

Moreland's best players were Lander, Duncan, Deaming and Debeljic.

POLONIA 3 (Czapnicki 39th, Espo-84th, Hoffman 78th) WESTERN SUBURBS 2 (Wentworth 22nd, Kypridis 45th). Reserves 0-0.

POLONIA: Sorokowski (Dzielo-owski half time); Wozniak, Aris-temowski, Herman, Gawlik, Hor-owski, Sweda, P. Czapnicki, Sekulski, Espo, Pichner (Kor 69).

WESTERN SUBURBS: Mitani-cki, Kipitakis, Dagis, Jaworski, G. Kipitakis, Daparis, A. Czapnicki, Moore (sent off 71st), Po-sock, Kokkinos (Santangelo half time).

In a highly entertaining game, Polonia defeated Western Suburbs 3-2 at Maribyrnong.

Polonia featured two new Polish imports, Felix Sweda and Richard Se-ckel, while Suburbs had Ulysses Kokkinos and two former Polonia players, Marian Jaworski and Andy Czapnicki.

Western Suburbs hit the front in the 22nd min. when an unmarked Theo-charides headed into the net but the home side equalized shortly afterwards when a through ball found Peter Czapnicki and he had no trouble beating the visitors from close range.

The visitors hit the front again right on half-time when a free taken by Sweda surprised the Polonia defence and lobbed over Sorokowski to put Western into the lead.

Kokkinos, who had been limping from the first half, did not rest after half-time and his place was taken by Santangelo.

Polonia nearly equalized when a pass by Ralph Espo found Michael Pichner but his shot just went wide.

Wentworth put his side back on level terms when his shot beat Mitanski and sent it off the post.

Suburbs' Steve Moore protested to the referee soon afterwards that he was fouled in the Polonia penalty area, but instead was sent off possibly by dissent.

With 10 players, Western Suburbs still managed a dangerous attack through Theodorides but Laszek Dzielo-owski saved easily.

Polonia hit the front for the first time when a shot by Ron Hoffman beat the Suburbs goalie from close range in the 78th min. and they went on to score a well-deserved win.

ARDEER 0 MELBOURNE 1 (Smie-stanta own goal 10th min).

ARDEER: Delch, Orlinki, Marmur, Smietanka, Olonowski, Kuzinski, Delch, E. Kupis, Kolenowski, (Czarnie-cki), Sobczyk, Paul, Dard.

Former Polonia centre back Eddie Marmur had a sound debut for Ardere in his first match in two years.

Ardere had the misfortune of scoring an own goal under pressure after only 10 minutes.

Ardere Juniors: Ardere 9s, Green Gully 0 Ardere 4, All Ardes goals scored by Mark Dard.

UNDER 12: Essendon 6 Ardere 0. Ardere best: S. Noga, J. Kadlick, R. Gawlin.

UNDER 9s: Ardere 2, Essendon 3. Ardere goals: Mark Sandy 2. Best play-ers: H. Bilchard, D. Bednarski, A. Kad-lick.

Under 11s: Werribee 2 v Ardere 2. Ardere goals: P. Kadlick, P. Kolan-owski. Best: Peter Maloney, Richard Kadlick.

On Sunday, Springvale play their first home game against local rivals Doveton, at Ross Reserve.

Reserves Kellor City 2 Springvale City 1.

UNDER 16 Box Hill 0 Springvale (Pullen 2, Wear).

Results of all other Springvale junior games. USA v Box Hill home 3-1; USB v Doncaster away 2-0; U10 v Hawthorn away 2-1; U11 v Box Hill home 5-1; U11 v Box Hill away 3-0; U12 v Mooroolbark home 4-0; U13 v Thornhill away 0-3; U14 v Port Melbourne home 0-5; U14 v Nth Dandenong away 4-0. Ladies v Morningvale 1-0 v 15.

UNDER 12 (Cupido, Valentine) RINGWOOD CITY 3 (Greener 2, O'Cal-laghan).

BOX HILL: Morgan, Vana, Corke, Tashman, Ingham (McLeod), John, Simpson, I. McLeod, Ingham (Copeland), Ramos, Taylor, Valentine, Cupido, S. Patterson.

Box Hill was robbed of a point when Ringwood snatched a winner three minutes from full-time.

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\$2 for a 'friendly'

Between 200 and 300 people paid \$2 each to watch Dandenong play Collingwood at Dandenong on Sunday, not knowing that all they would see was a friendly game.

Those who went to the game to get their money back found none there to give it back to them.

The crowd was not told that it was a practice game they had paid money to watch.

The teams decided to make the game a friendly instead of a league tie when the referee failed to turn up.

Dandenong would not accept the man put forward as referee by Collingwood.

Collingwood won't have a home ground for about four weeks, so in the meantime it intended to play at Murphy Reserve in Port Melbourne.

However, it informed the VFF of the change too late, meaning it forfeited the home advantage and was instructed to play at Dandenong.

The appointed referee appears to have been caught up in the confusion.

There is no public address system at the Dandenong ground, but someone could have informed the crowd that the match was not official by writing a message on the blackboard used to indicate the winning referee numbers.

Many people rang "Boomer Action", angry about the situation.

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THIS WEEK'S FIXTURES

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DIVISION II, Saturday: Port Melbourne v Knox City; Kellor v Richmond; Waverley City v Bell Park; South Melbourne v Doncaster Rovers; St. Albans v Fitzroy United; Ferntree Gully v Footscray.

DIVISION III, Saturday: Broadmeadows v Morwell Falcons; Brighton v Heidelberg; Eltham v Park Rangers; Prahran City v Mooroolbark; Coburg v Fawkner; Yallourn v Chelsea.

DIVISION IV, Caulfield City v Monash University; Clayton v Frankston Pines; Werribee v Corio; Sandringham City v Keysborough; Mornington v Moorabbin City.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE, Division 1: Royal Park v Hamlyn Rangers; North Dandenong v University of Melbourne; Hotham United v Greensborough; Williamstown v Nunawading City; Sunbury v South Yarra; Geelong v Rosedale.

Division 2: Central Altona v Ballarat;

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COLOURS: All Orange with Blue Stripe.



This week's match: v **WEST ADELAIDE** at Hindmarsh Stadium (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30 pm.

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COACH: J. Margaritis.

GROUND: Olympic Park, Swan St., Melb.

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COLOURS: Black & Gold.

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This week's match: v **A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT** at Wentworth Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

FOOTSCRAY

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SECRETARY: H. Iser bus (03) 391 3231

COACH: C. Cirkovic

GROUND: Olympic Park, Swan St, Melb (03) 42 0642

COLOURS: Blue White Red.

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This week's match: v **MARCONI** at Olympic Park No. 1 (Melbourne) Monday 3 pm.

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COACH: A. Vest

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MANAGER: D. MacLaren

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COLOURS: Blue & White

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This week's match: v **SYDNEY CITY** at Middle Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.

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MARCONI ROAD, BOSSLEY PARK, N.S.W. 2176

SECRETARY: L. Sartoretto (02) 604 5222.

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COACH: J. Gelei.

GROUND: St George Stadium, Rockdale

COLOURS: White, Red & Green.



This week's match: v **ADELAIDE CITY** at St George Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

WEST ADELAIDE

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COACH: T. Forde.

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This week's match: v **BRISBANE LIONS** at Hindmarsh Stadium (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30 pm.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

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A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT

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This week's match: v **HEIDELBERG UNITED** at Wentworth Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

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